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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Budget Debate

WHEN the Colony is presented with a financial Budget which defies serious criticism, a considerable measure of sympathy can be felt for the Unofficial members of the Legislative Council entrusted with the duty of debating its provisions. Detailed analysis of the Estimates become redundant, and to be critical of policies which are both appropriate and realistic would be carping. The Unofficials are thus thrust back on exploring proposals for future expansion and improvement of the Colony's public services, facilities and amenities. Yesterday's Budget debate produced a thoroughly comprehensive job in this field of inquiry. Several of the subjects discussed involve long-term policy and planning; many too have been debated before. Yet none of them could be ruled as frivolous. On the contrary without exception they represent problems which must sooner or later be resolved if Hongkong is to maintain its present tempo of expansion.

Town planning, which includes the creation of satellite, more and wider roads, pedestrian subways, parking allotments and recreational amenities, attracted the attention of some of the Unofficials, who also revealed a keen appreciation of the necessities associated with this question.

IN Kowloon and the New Territories planned development of new areas presents nothing like the difficulties which beset the same subject on the Island. This applies particularly in the matter of arterial roads into and out of the city. The problem re-evoked in yesterday's debate comment on the Queen's Road military lands and produced a new emphasis on the necessity for Government striving still yet harder to obtain reversion of that valuable area.

Arguments for the surrender of at least a goodly portion of the military lands have become stronger by virtue of the declared policy of the Imperial Government to reduce its overseas garrisons, and the moment appears to be propitious for a further approach to the War Office for some positive assurances about rendition of the property in the not distant future.

There will be a wide measure of public support for the proposal that the North Point development project should be repeated in parts of Kowloon and the New Territories. It is an admirable form of decentralisation—the logical solution to the problem, constantly becoming more and more aggravated, of over-built and over-populated urban areas.

SEVERAL of the subjects discussed in yesterday's debate called less for new official policies and more for accelerated implementation of principles and designs already approved by Government. One example was the plea for greater official encouragement for private institutions to build hospitals and contribute in other ways to enlarging and improving the Colony's medical services.

Possibly from the official viewpoint a more controversial proposition was that Government should subsidize its professed keenness to promote the tourist industry, by offering loans at reasonable interest rates and land at low cost to encourage private enterprise to press forward in building a sufficient number of hotels to accommodate our tourists. The proposal may at least reveal what sort of priority Government rates for tourism promotion.

By and large the Budget debate was far more stimulating than was perhaps anticipated, and the official replies will be awaited with interest.

# CANAL READY BY APRIL 10

## Restoration A Month Ahead Of Estimate

Cairo, Mar. 20.

General Raymond Wheeler, in charge of UN Salvage Operations in the Suez Canal, who arrived in Cairo from Ismailia tonight, said he would tell Mr Hammarskjold the Canal will be "in perfect order" by April 10, a month ahead of the original estimate.

Asked when the clearance of the tug Edgar Bonnet would be completed to allow the transit of ships of 26-foot draught, he said: "We will raise the Edgar Bonnet on Monday except if something unexpected happens; you know how salvage work is."

He said the German team with the powerful salvage craft Energie and Ausdauer would "pick up the wreck of the freighter Abukir from the Gulf of Suez."

"They will start on Friday and our optimistic estimate they will have completed the job by April 10."

General Wheeler said: "The Abukir will be towed and dumped into the Great Bitter Lake's graveyard."

### LIGHT CONVERSION

He said the conversion of the Canal's entire lighting system from gas to electricity would take eight months.

"But we will have the gas system working by April 10 so that night navigation of the Canal may be possible."

Asked about dredging conditions in the Canal, he said: "The dredging position is quite good. I do not think any additional dredging will be required to allow transit by April 10 as three dredgers have been working for one and half months all along the Canal."

General Wheeler announced that an international call for bids for the Canal's dredging programme, to be financed by the UN had been made.

"We have received many bids already," he said.

### WORKSHOPS

General Wheeler added that the Canal's workshops were now in 80 per cent operating condition and their repair was "proceeding satisfactorily."

Asked if he was satisfied with the overall progress of his work, he said with a wide smile: "Well, we have beaten some of our schedules, haven't we?" —China Mail Special.

## Menon: A Key Figure

New York, Mar. 20.

Mr V. K. Krishna Menon, Indian Minister without portfolio, was seen in United Nations circles today as a key figure in moves to solve the Suez Canal issue along lines acceptable to both the West and Egypt.

Diplomats said Mr Menon was certainly performing a valuable function in his talks with President Nasser in advance of the arrival in Cairo of Mr Dag Hammarskjold, United Nations Secretary-General.

Western delegations noted today's US State Department statement that Egypt's new memorandum on operation of the Canal was a tentative proposal subject to consultation with the Secretary-General and the reaffirmation of United States support for a solution based on the six principles approved by the Security Council last October.

### FULLY CONVERSANT

The interpretation given here to this statement was that the Egyptian proposals, submitted yesterday, are capable of enlargement to satisfy the Powers' requirements.

Mr Menon, who is fully conversant with the Western viewpoint, is believed here to have been using his unique diplomatic position and his long experience in statesmanship to advise President Nasser on a course in the international interest. —Reuter.

## ADAMS MURDER TRIAL

## Defence Springs New Surprise

London, Mar. 20.

Counsel defending Dr John Bodkin Adams on a charge of murder today startled three middle aged nurses — all key prosecution witnesses — by revealing he knew about their private conversations on a train.

## Argentina Verging On Bankruptcy

Buenos Aires, Mar. 20.

Senator Roberto Verrier, Argentina's new Finance Minister, issued a warning in a nationwide broadcast today that the nation was on the verge of bankruptcy.

He was speaking from Government House, where he addressed a joint meeting of the Cabinet, political leaders and service chiefs.

Senator Verrier said that unless drastic steps were taken at once the country's reserves would be exhausted by the end of 1957 and unless the domestic budget deficit were reduced the rate of inflation in 1958 would double that of last year. —China Mail Special.

## Intelligence Chief Deposed

Beirut, Mar. 20.

Syria's strong man, Colonel Abdul Hamid Sarraj, has been ousted from his key post of head of Military Intelligence in a purge carried out by army leaders, according to reports reaching here.

The reports said that Sarraj, head of the Deuxieme Bureau (Military Intelligence), had been forced to resign by General Nizam el-Din, chief of the Syrian General Staff.

A number of Sarraj's supporters also were dismissed from their posts, the reports added, and several officers had been charged with mutiny.

Sarraj, a mystery figure in Syrian politics, was regarded as the power-behind-the-government and one of the leading supporters of collaboration with the Soviets. —United Press.

## US Magazine Dearer

New York, Mar. 20.

Newsweek magazine announced today its single copy price will be raised from 20 to 25 cents, effective with the April 1 issue which will go on news stands next week. —United Press.

## HK REFUGEE PROBLEM REFERRED TO UN

London, Mar. 20.

Parliamentary member of the Conservative Party, Mr. George Ward, asked the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Lennox-Boyd, in the House of Commons today whether he would support the Governor of Hong Kong's request for United Nations assistance in helping the resettlement of the Colony's refugee population.

The disclosure brought a stern warning from the Judge trying the bachelor doctor that he would take a serious view of it if the nurses were again caught discussing the case outside the court.

The Defence Counsel, Mr. Geoffrey Lawrence, who has already sprung surprise after surprise on the prosecution, did not tell how he had managed to eavesdrop.

Ellis stepped into the witness box today, he immediately confronted her with his knowledge of her train conversation, which had taken place only two hours previously on her way to court.

### Questioned 5 Hours

Under his searching questions, she agreed one of the other nurses had said on the train:

"Don't say that or you will get me into trouble." This, she said, referred to testimony that drugs administered to Mrs Edith Morrell, rich old widow the doctor is accused of poisoning, were kept in a locked cabinet. Sister Mason Ellis' recollection was that the drugs were kept in a drawer and there was no cabinet.

Mrs Mason Ellis, who nursed Mrs Morrell at her mansion home in Eastbourne before her death in 1950, was five hours in the witness box.

Mr Lawrence took her point by point through daily reports she had written at the time about the old woman's condition and treatment. These reports, in eight school exercise books, were produced as surprise exhibits by the defence yesterday.

Describing them as "the fountain of truth," Mr Lawrence read extracts recording the old woman's condition and treatment. These reports, in eight school exercise books, were produced as surprise exhibits by the defence yesterday.

Stressing that the widow was being attended at this time by Dr Adams, Mr Lawrence asked the witness "Here she was, wishing she knew a doctor who would fulfil the qualifications she wanted."

Sister Mason Ellis replied: "I don't know to whom she was referring."

From the nursing "case books" the defence counsel also brought out evidence that Mrs Morrell was not in a coma in the afternoon of the day before her death. The trial was adjourned till tomorrow. —China Mail Special.

## ANGLO-US ACCORD EXPECTED ON CANAL TOLLS

Tuckers Town, Bermuda, Mar. 20.

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and President Eisenhower, in a private conference tonight with their secretaries, explored a vast field of Anglo-American problems to be covered in the next few days, with particular emphasis on British insistence on withdrawing thousands of United Kingdom troops from the European defence force.

## Professional Jealousy

San Francisco, Mar. 20.

A special jury in charge of organizing an open-air painting exhibition in Berkeley (California) next June decided today by 4 votes to three, that Betsy, the chimpanzee painter of Baltimore, would not be allowed to exhibit her work beside the paintings of human colleagues.

Betsy's paintings have been much admired in some art circles and have been sold for considerable sums. —France-Press.

## MOLLET'S PRESTIGE SHAKEN

Paris, Mar. 20.

The French Government feels its prestige has been severely shaken in the current policy debate, that M. Guy Mollet, the Prime Minister, is hesitating to risk a formal vote of confidence, it was learned tonight.

M. Paul Ramadier, Finance Minister, caused apprehension yesterday with his prophecy of budget increases next year and considerable economic strains till 1960 or 1961. Today M. Jean Legendre, a right-wing deputy, landed a further blow—an attack on government policy in Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco.

The Cabinet has authorized M. Mollet to ask for a vote of confidence at the end of the debate. In that case, he would make the proposal on Friday and the vote would be taken next Tuesday.

On a formal confidence motion, the deputies must vote in person, not by proxy. In view of the wage of hostility, which has swept over its centre and right-wing supporters since yesterday, the Government is afraid that too many deputies might stay away, creating a danger of defeat.

The Premier's aides said tonight that he might therefore seek a "semi-official" confidence vote — an ordinary vote preceded by a solemn announcement by the Premier that he will resign if defeated. —China Mail Special.

## Table-Tennis Star Seeks Asylum

Stockholm, Mar. 20.

The Hungarian table-tennis champion, 22-year-old Mrs Agnes Simon, has applied for asylum in Sweden as a political refugee, the police at Malmoe said today.

Her application is expected to be granted.

Mrs Simon took part in the world championships here last week.

She went with the other 11 members of the team to Stockholm Central Station, she told the police, but hid in a corner while the team boarded the train.

Then she went to friends at Lidingo, outside Stockholm. Later she made her way south to Malmoe and stayed in the flat of friends there.

"I did not put my foot outside the flat until I was sure that the team was back in Hungary," she said. Friends of Mrs Simon said her husband is in Holland. —China Mail Special.

## POLITICIAN TRESPASSED ON BASE

Singapore, Mar. 20.

Mr Lim Yew Hock, the Chief Minister, cabled from London today for full information about military police questioning of an Asian politician for having entered a Royal Air Force security area on this island base.

Acting Chief Minister, Mr A. J. Braga, said tonight "I am sending a full report of this unpleasant incident with my comments."

Mr Braga said witnesses had substantiated that a Royal Air Force corporal has been "rude, arrogant and used language which hardly bears repetition" in front of the politician, Mr Tan Theng Chiang, a member of the Singapore Legislative Assembly and an assistant minister.

### DENIAL

An RAF spokesman, denying the charges, told Reuter: "We can't possibly apologise because there is nothing to apologise for."

An RAF policeman last Friday intercepted Mr Tan with a party of journalists and government officials after they had used a jetty attached to the RAF Changi base on Singapore to make a launch trip to a nearby island to inspect water supplies. —Reuter.

## Australia To Cut Army Draft

Canberra, Mar. 20.

The Australian Government proposes to reduce its army draft by 17,000 men and to suspend drafts into the Navy and Air Force, informed sources said today.

The sources said the Government proposal was announced by Defence Minister Sir Philip McBride during a secret meeting with Parliamentary parties. —United Press.

## Arbitration Offer By Engineering Employers

London, Mar. 20.

British engineering employers tonight agreed to submit to arbitration a wage dispute which threatens to bring 3,000,000 engineers out on strike.

The employers made their offer to arbitrate during "peace" talks they had with Minister of Labour, Mr Ian Macleod.

The strike, for a 10 per cent pay increase, is due to begin on Saturday when 1,000,000 men are due out in the midst of a series of "guerilla" stoppages.

The remaining 2,000,000 will be out by April 6—the biggest technical shut-down in Britain for 30 years.

### To See Macleod

Later tonight trade union leaders were due to see Mr Macleod.

At the same time, Sir Brian Robertson, Chairman of the British Transport Commission, opened wage talks with leaders of the 370,000-member National Union of Railwaymen, who had rejected an offer of a three per cent pay rise as "an insult" after asking for 10 per cent.

They agreed to meet Sir Brian again tomorrow in an endeavour to solve "the difficult situation."

The engineers' "guerilla" strikes will hit defence orders and stop work in plants turning out cars, aircraft, agricultural machinery, electrical equipment and machine tools.

In the rail crisis today, Mr Jim Campbell, General Secretary of the NUR appealed to his executive not to take any precipitate action.

"The question is too delicate to make any extended comment at this stage," he said.

### Shipyards Silent

The NUR's rejection of the three per cent offer does not affect the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen—the 70,000 men who actually drive the trains.

British shipyards, crammed with 2,000 million sterling worth of home and overseas contracts, remained silent and deserted for the fifth day through a strike of 200,000 building and repair men. —Reuter.

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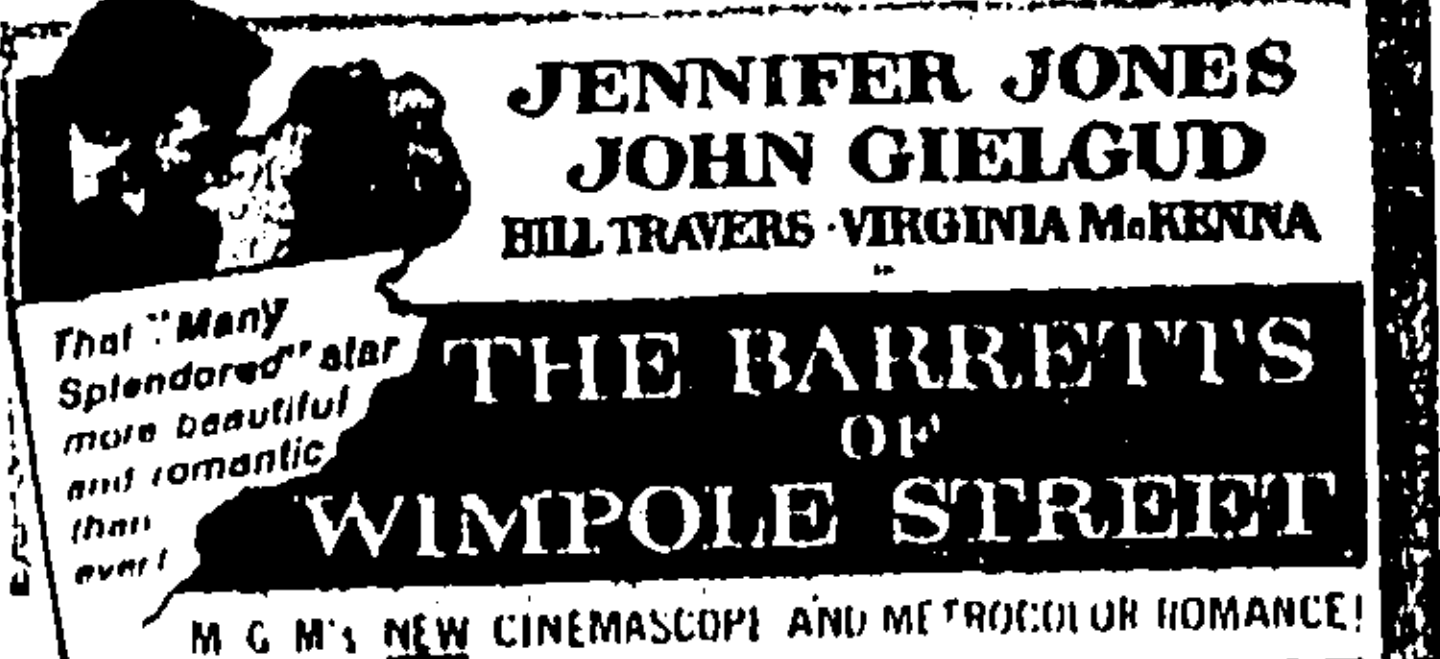


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# The "Shoals" The Marauders

## PROBLEM IS—HOW TO STOP SEALS FISHING

London, March 20.  
Almost 3,000 seals have made their homes on Scotland's Farne Islands, 20 miles south of the mouth of the River Tweed.

## New Giant Tankers Too Big For The Canal

Paris, Mar. 20.  
Virtually all tankers now being built in French shipyards are heavy tonnage vessels, designed for the long haul around the Cape.

They are of such a size, furthermore, that they deliberately exclude passage through the Suez Canal, a survey showed today.

Dunkirk shipyards have confirmed orders for eight new super-tankers, some of them for American firms.

One of 68,300 tons is for the Hemisphere Transportation Corporation, which had previously ordered two others in French shipyards. All will fly the Panama flag.

British Petroleum has ordered three 47,850-tonners, with a fourth already being built at Dunkirk.

The Niarchos group has ordered a 48,300-ton tanker.

The Tidewater Oil Associated Company launched the third of its four ordered 51,850-ton tankers last month.—France-Press.

London, March 20.

Local fishermen are convinced that the Farne Islands seals are the marauders which are killing and mutilating Tweed salmon by the score.

The problem is now being probed extensively, for it is one which threatens the livelihood of every salmon fisher on the river.

It is estimated that one out of every 10 salmon which enters the river from the North Sea is attacked and injured by seals. This does not take into account the number of fish which never reach the estuary.

Veteran fishers are certain that seals both breed on the islands and swim to the Tweed to kill salmon.

### RAIDED NET

One states he has seen a seal dive into a bulging net and emerge with a prime salmon between its fore flippers.

Injuries can knock as much as two shillings a pound off the value of a salmon. The average Tweed salmon weighs nine pounds.

One expert has said: "Some control is obviously necessary. This does not mean extermination—public opinion is against that—but the number of seals must be cut down in the commercial interests of the salmon industry."

But the seals on the Farne show an uncanny intelligence. No one can get within 50 miles of them.—London Express Service.

Pictures show: (left) Press cameraman Peter Macvean managed to photograph the seals, using a 20-inch lens gun camera; and (right) some of the seals of the Farne Islands.

## Tornado Havoc

Wellington, Mar. 20.

A tornado which struck New Plymouth, principal town of Taranaki Province, early today cut a long narrow swathe of damage from the sea and up the valley through the western section of the city for three miles.

Many buildings were severely damaged.—China Mail Special.

## W. Germany Gets Top Armed Forces Chief

Bonn, Mar. 20.

Lieutenant-General Adolf Heusinger was appointed Chairman of the Combined Chiefs-of-Staff of the West German Armed Forces today.

A Government spokesman told a news conference the decision was taken by the Cabinet this morning.

Dr. Konrad Adenauer, who returned from his holiday in Italy yesterday, presided.

General Heusinger thus became the highest West German officer. He is expected to be given the rank of a four-star general later this year, informed sources said.

The chiefs of the army, navy and air force will be subordinate to General Heusinger.—China Mail Special.

Bonn, Mar. 20.

The West German Cabinet today decided to recommend September 15 as the date for the next general election.—Reuters.



## American Businessmen Coming To Colony

San Francisco, Mar. 20.

The President of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, Mr. E. D. Maloney, today announced that 40 San Francisco businessmen would leave on May 3 for a goodwill tour of Japan, Hongkong and the Philippines.

The group arriving in Tokyo on May 5 would spend five days at the Tokyo Trade Fair, and visit Nagoya and Shimizu.

From Nagoya, the party would visit Osaka-Kobe area, returning to Tokyo to fly to Hongkong.

After a two days' stay in Hongkong, the party would fly to the Philippines, leaving Manila for San Francisco on May 26, after a four-day stay.—Reuters.

## HUNGER STRIKE OVER

Amman, Mar. 20.

A group of 100 refugees from the Gaza Strip today ended their two-day hunger strike after the personal intervention of King Hussein.

The refugees who fled from Gaza to Jordan when the Israelis occupied Gaza, were protesting against the Jordan Government's failure to send them home.

In addition to King Hussein's intervention, the Egyptian Embassy military attaché promised to allow the refugees to return as soon as conditions in the Gaza Strip returned to normal.—France-Press.

London, Mar. 20.

The British Admiralty is considering disposing with four obsolete battleships of the Royal Fleet, Admiralty Under-Secretary, Christopher Soames, stated in Parliament today.

The four battleships, the Asahi, the Hogue, the Duke of York and the Duke of Devonshire, were built in 1910 and 1912.—France-Press.

## AUSTRALIA ADOPTING U.S. WEAPONS

Canberra, Mar. 20.

The Australian Government is planning to standardize its military equipment on the American pattern with the purchase of American field guns to replace those of British manufacture, informed sources said today.

The source said the Defence Minister, Sir Philip McBride, told a secret meeting of the parliamentary parties that the government planned the purchase of the American 105-millimetre field gun to replace the British 25-pound gun now in use in Australia, the source said.

This proposal, together with plans to purchase the American Star fighter F104 and the troop carrier C119, means that Australia was attempting to standardize its equipment on the American pattern, the source said.—United Press.

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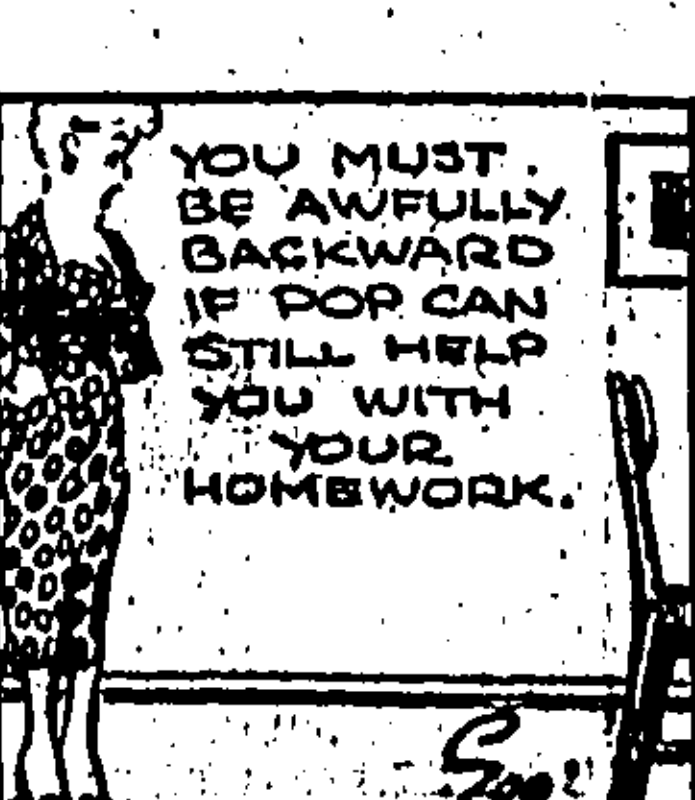
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# U.S. MOVE TO RESTART AID FLOW TO ISRAEL

## Talks In Washington & Tel Aviv Reported

Washington, Mar. 20. The United States has begun consultations with Israel with a view to resuming economic assistance, American officials said today.

They said the talks got under way at the beginning of this week in Washington and Tel Aviv and that they were expected to last about two weeks before existing aid programmes to Israel were resumed.

These programmes were suspended after Israel invaded Egypt on October 29. The United States at that time:

★ Held up a pending \$25 million grant to Israel for the 1957 financial year period which ends June 30.

★ Set aside plans for sending an Export-Import Bank mission to Israel in response to an application for a \$75 million loan for internal water development.

★ Suspended negotiations for sale of \$30 million worth of surplus agricultural commodities for Israeli currency, the proceeds to be loaned to Israel for development projects.

★ Withdrew its economic aid mission from Israel. This meant suspension of the technical co-operation ("Point - four") programme in that country, which was using a little more than \$1 million annually, as well as the \$25 million-a-year economic development aid programme.

★ Clamped down on travel by American citizens to Israel, thus denying to that country considerable revenues from tourism.

To start with, the talks in Washington were being carried on between Mr. Sherman, Economic Minister of the Israeli Embassy, and L. Wade Latham, a Middle East economic expert in the State Department.

It was believed that the negotiations will be taken to a higher level next week, when the Israeli Ambassador Mr. Abba Eban returns to Washington from an interrupted vacation in Florida. After that, the talks were expected to be carried to a conclusion by technical experts of both sides.—United Press.

## Mrs Meir Flies Home: 'Suggestions Made'

New York, Mar. 20.

The Israeli Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, left for home tonight for discussions with the Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion.

She said she would meet Mr. Ben-Gurion shortly after her arrival in Tel-Aviv on Friday.

Mrs. Meir said she had no plans to meet French officials during her stopover in Paris.

### MORE TALKS

Of her visit to the United States, she said there would be "further consultations" between Mr. Abba Eban and U.S. State Department officials on the Middle East situation.

"The Israeli Government has made certain suggestions for implementation of our joint objectives in the Middle East," she told newsmen before departing. "We know that these suggestions are being seriously considered by the U.S. State Department and our Ambassador and his colleagues will be in further consultations."

### IDENTITY

She said she had achieved the principal purpose of her trip in her talk with Mr. Dulles in Washington on Monday. She said this was to discover whether the motives and objectives of the Jerusalem and Washington governments were "identical."

"I believe that there is an identity of objectives in the

Middle East between our two governments," she said, "so far as concerns navigation of the Strait of Tiran and the Gulf of Aqaba and the Suez Canal, and so far as concerns United Nations responsibility in Gaza."

Asked what was the most she felt Israel could hope for from the conferences in Cairo between the U.N. Secretary General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, and President Nasser of Egypt, she said:

### VIEWS CLASH

"The most we can hope for is peace. It has been our thought for a long time that it is extremely important and vital that the state of belligerence claimed by Egypt should be done away with. We think this is the desire and wish of the U.N. and we think this is a basic problem of the Middle East."

She said this did not necessarily mean the signing of a peace treaty, though she did not rule out this possibility.

She said there was a difference of opinion between her country and the United States as regards the U.N. forces in the Gaza strip. She said Israel did not agree with the United States

that the U.N. troops were in control there. She said she hoped Mr. Hammarskjöld would reveal them and would return to U.N. headquarters.

Mrs. Meir was asked whether free navigation for Israeli ships was not one of the assumptions of her government when it agreed to withdrawal from Gaza and the Sinai peninsula.

"This was not only an assumption," she answered, "All the powers that supported free passage for Israel have not changed their views. Several of the powers made that clear at the time the President of the United States made it clear that that was his position."—United Press.

## AMERICA TO TELL ATOM-SUB SECRETS

London, Mar. 20. Britain and the United States are to discuss next month procedures for an exchange of information on nuclear propulsion of submarines.

Mr. Thomas Galbraith, Civil Lord to the Admiralty, told the House of Commons today when asked whether he had received technical information requested from the United States about the nuclear-powered submarine Nautilus.

Mr. Eric Fletcher, said this question was of strategic importance, both defensive and offensive, and asked whether the Admiralty was satisfied with the arrangements made with the United States for an exchange of technical information.

Mr. Galbraith replied that the discussions on procedures were to take place next month.—China Mail Special.

## SOVIET TRADE WITH FREE WORLD DOUBLED SINCE 1953

Washington, Mar. 20. Soviet group trade agreements with the free world have nearly doubled since 1953, according to a private research organization's report now being considered by the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The report said that by late 1956 the Soviet group had extended 30-year credits totalling \$1,400,000,000 at 2 to 2½ per cent interest, and Soviet group technicians were training natives of 14 countries in mining and petroleum enterprises. More than 10 per cent of the

foreign trade of Afghanistan, Egypt, Finland, Hongkong, Iceland, Iran, Turkey and Yugoslavia was now with the bloc, the report said.

It added that the Soviet growth in industrial output was at the rate of 6 per cent a year against 4 per cent for the United States, and the Soviet growth, "could be larger" than 6 per cent.—Reuter.

### Coal Mission Report

London, Mar. 21. The British Technical Mission to the Russian coal industry which travelled 12,000 miles in four weeks and covered a

"very fair impression" of the industry, said in its report published today, economic scope for expansion was possible.

There were immense coal reserves, "virtually unlimited resources" were generally above the British average in thickness. Conditions seemed to provide a great scope for mechanization particularly at the coal face.

The mission, led by Dr. W. Reid, then production member of the National Coal Board, visited the Soviet Union in 1956 at the invitation of the Government to study the outstanding technical problems of the coal industry.—China Mail Special.

## 60,000 TONS OF TINNED MEAT GO BAD

London, Mar. 20. MORE than 60,000 tons of canned meat, stockpiled by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, have been found unsuitable. The meat has been stored too long, and the tins have rusted.

They were in 200 depots, and deterioration was discovered when rationing ended in 1954. It was then proposed to put them in 50 better dry-stores. Since then it has taken a professional firm with a large staff two years to test samples.

More stocks are deteriorating, and future wastage is estimated at 6,000 tons a year.

### Discrepancies

This is stated in a report by the Auditor-General, Sir Frank Tribe, on the accounts of several Government Departments for 1955-6.

He calls constant attention to discrepancies between original estimates and amounts ultimately spent.

He quotes Swift aircraft orders. In November 1950 100 aircraft were ordered at an estimated £28,875 each.

By August 1953 the total ordered by the Ministry of Supply was 492. Estimated cost of each had risen to £43,000.

In February 1955, when the cost had risen to £61,000 it was discovered that 39 aircraft already delivered were not fit for squadron service.

### Up £240

The design was altered. Final cost of 129 flyable aircraft will be some £40,000,000—more than £300,000 each. Of these 28 are subject to operational limitations.

An order for light cars placed in 1950 at a tendered price of £366 each is also reported. Two years later the contractor said the vehicle had been redesigned. The cost went up to £606 for materials alone.

Eventually there was an increase over the original contract price of more than £2,500,000, or 45 p.c.

## Wants Friends In West—But He's Also Critical

London, Mar. 20. Rumania wishes "to improve relations with Great Britain, the United States and other Western countries," according to her newly re-elected Prime Minister, Mr. Chivu Stoila, quoted by the official news agency Agerpresse today.

It said that in a comprehensive report on home and foreign policy to Parliament yesterday he said Rumania "considers that this objective can be reached on the basis of equality of rights, mutual advantage, and non-interference in each other's internal affairs."

He went on to attack President Eisenhower's Middle East doctrine as a military programme aimed at the seizure of Middle East oil and other resources, and said the European Common Market and European plans "constitute a danger to the European peoples."—Reuter.

## 79 Rebels Killed: Claim By French

Algiers, Mar. 20. French troops killed 79 rebels in the past 24 hours in a sudden flare-up of fighting throughout Algeria, military authorities reported today.

Losses among French troops were not reported, but officials said civilians slain by rebels included two Europeans and three Moslems.

The armed engagements yesterday were heaviest near the Tunisian border in the east and the Moroccan border to the west.

Fighting has been heaviest in these two regions since Algerian rebels frequently concentrate near the borders of the two neighbouring Moslem states, both of which support the cause of Algerian independence.

### 30 SHOT

In the region near the rug-making centre of Tebessa close to the Tunisian frontier, French infantrymen shot down 30 rebels, took six prisoners and seized arms and ammunition.

In mountains south of Oran at the western end of Algeria, another French combat patrol slew 20 insurgents.

The remaining 29 rebels killed during the day in smaller actions scattered across the territory.

Meanwhile, French paratroopers in Algeria seized eight Moslem nationalists charged by the Army with committing "a number of individual attacks against civilians in that city."—United Press.

## Farouk's First Wife Fined £81

Cairo, Mar. 20. Ex-Queen Farida of Egypt, first wife of King Farouk, has appealed against a fine of £81 imposed on her by a tribunal dealing with a treasury claim of £68,720 against her, it was learned today.

Ex-Queen Farida, now Madame Safnaz Zoulikar, was fined for failing to appear before the tribunal. In her appeal, she declared that the tribunal was not competent and claimed special jurisdiction.

The ex-Queen declared that in any case she was not subject to taxation by virtue of her position as Queen. The sums which the treasury claimed from her were for expenses incurred from 1939 to 1946.

The Tribunal will give its ruling on the case on March 30.—France-Press.

## Ike Will Hear Trade Protest

London, Mar. 20. The limitations on trade with China by non-Communist nations is likely to be raised in the discussions between the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, and President Eisenhower, at Bermuda, the House of Commons was told today by Mr. David Ormsby-Gore, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.—Reuter.

# WILL REDS IN INDIA TRY TO GRAB BRITISH ESTATES?

New Delhi, Mar. 20.

WILL the Communists of Kerala State, who have won a majority in the current provincial elections, nationalise British-owned tea, coffee, cashew and other plantations?

The party which won 59 seats in the 126-member Assembly was tonight assured of the support of five of the six independents elected.

## France Plans Stronger Pacific Fleet

Sydney, Mar. 20. The French Navy will strengthen its Pacific fleet with a squadron of fast light warships. It was announced today.

The French Navy Minister, M. Paul Anxionnaz, said the new ships, equipped with anti-aircraft and anti-submarine armament, would be based permanently at New Caledonia.

The first of the 2,000-ton sloops now being built in French shipyards should reach Australia next January, he said.

M. Anxionnaz made his announcement on his way to Tokyo after a two-day inspection of the French base at New Caledonia.—United Press.

## BRITISH EXPORTS GO UP

London, Mar. 20. The British Board of Trade announced today that the commodity pattern of British imports in February was much closer to normal than in any month since last October, the beginning of the Suez crisis.

Imports last month totalled £320,900,000, £56 million sterling below the January level—while exports rose to £278,200,000—over £17 million sterling more than in January.

Last month oil imports increased, being heavier from the Middle East, especially Kuwait, in addition to the extra supplies from the Western hemisphere.

The announcement said: "The latest figures are welcome evidence that availability of shipping has not continued to depress the level of exports."

The monthly value of exports in the last four months, £271 million, was six and a half per cent more than in the corresponding period a year ago.

### More Ships

British exports of ships and boats have been outstanding in the last 12 months, the Board of Trade also announced.

In the four months ending in February, they amounted to a monthly average of £8,500,000, compared with £4,700,000 in the corresponding period a year ago.

Ships and boats thus accounted for nearly three quarters of the total increase in engineering exports, which, at £105 million a month, were nearly 5½ per cent more than a year earlier.—Reuter & China Mail Special.

## Saud Wants Oil Company In Arabia

London, Mar. 20. Saudi Arabia has asked the American petroleum group "Aramco" to establish fiscal headquarters in the country and thus virtually become a national company, informed sources said today.

Saudi Arabia also asked Aramco for \$85 million in tax arrears accumulated before 1955.

And it is reported that for the time in India, the party will form a ministry of a different political complexion from the central and other state governments.

The Congress Party has won 42 seats, the Praja-Socialist nine and the Muslim League eight, leaving two seats to be filled.

Political observers say the Communists may try to make the state a showpiece for communism.

Conflicting The Communist programme in Kerala, according to the election manifesto, includes the nationalisation of British-owned tea, coffee, cashew and other plantations and of foreign capital in other industries such as coal.

Mr. A. K. Gopalan, leader of the Communists in the House of the People of the Central Parliament, who was elected from Kerala, said on Sunday this would be carried out.

But Mr. M. N. Govindan Nair, one of the Kerala's Communist leaders, said at a Delhi press conference on the same day the party would act in accordance with the Indian constitution and he was not sure that nationalisation was within the competence of State governments.

Other features of the Communist manifesto include a demand for an immediate 25 per cent increase in all workers' basic minimum wages.

### Finance Problem

The ruling Congress Party's high command is already considering the problem of how the Central Government can work with the Communist Government in Kerala.

The usually well-informed political commentator of the pro-Congress Hindustan Times said this week that since Kerala had to lean heavily on the Central Government for finance, "any wild scheme of nationalisation would not obviously be launched by the Communists without consulting the financial resources needed for meeting the obligations of compensation laid down in the constitution."

"The Congress government at the centre will not abuse its political power with a view to crushing non-Congress governments," he said, "but such State governments cannot expect to get generous doles."

"The centre will perhaps let the Communists overreach themselves before it thinks of intervening in the affairs of Kerala."—Reuter.

## Japan Sends Condolences To Philippines

Tokyo, Mar. 20. Japanese Emperor Hirohito sent a telegram of condolence to the Philippines on the late President Ramon Macarayan's death.

The Japanese Diet passed a resolution expressing deep sympathy and condolence at today's plenary session.

The Diet also approved the appointment of Liberal Democratic Party member Hiroshi Ashida to attend the Philippines national funeral service as Japanese special envoy.—Reuter.

## SOUTH KOREAN NAVY UNITS ON TOUR

Seoul, Mar. 20. The South Korean Navy headquarters announced today a fleet of three Korean Navy frigates will sail from Chinhae naval base on April 23 on a six-week goodwill and training cruise to the Southeast Asian region.

The headquarters said the fleet will take aboard 100 graduating naval cadets from the Naval academy on an orientation tour and training cruise to the Southeast Asian region.

A headquarters spokesman said the fleet will call at Formosa, Saigon, Manila and Bangkok.—Reuter.

## Crisis In West Pakistan

President Suspends Constitution

Karachi, Mar. 21. The President of Pakistan, Major-General Iskander Mirza, early today took over the Government of West Pakistan province following a sudden crisis in the provincial assembly.

An official statement issued in Karachi declared that the President had "in exercise of the powers" conferred by the Constitution assumed "all functions of the Government of the Province."

The announcement came without warning in the early hours of the morning after the West Pakistan provincial assembly had adjourned last night with the late of Doctor Khan Sahib's Republican Party Government hanging in the balance.

The Opposition was claiming a majority in the House after a number of Republicans had crossed the floor of the House during the day.

### Censure Motion

The Leader of the Opposition, Sardar Bahadur Khan (Muslim League), had tried to move a censure motion against the Government but the speaker did not allow a vote.

The crisis has arisen over the Opposition's demand that West Pakistan be divided into six provinces again as it was before the Central Government formed them into one unit.

The Opposition says the one unit has failed as a working proposition.

Last night Dr. Khan Sahib, West Pakistan Chief Minister, said he would not hesitate to advise the Provincial Governor to dissolve the House and order new elections, but he added he did not think this would become necessary.

### The Provision

Then, later, President Mirza suspended the constitution and took over the Government of the 310,250-square mile province.

West Pakistan comprises the former provinces of Baluchistan, North-West Frontier, Punjab, Sind, Khajpur and Bahawalpur.

Article 121 of the Constitution, under which the President acts (in part): "If the President on receipt of a report from the Governor of a province is satisfied that a situation has arisen in which the Government of the province cannot be carried on in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the President may by proclamation assume to himself, all or any of the functions of the Government of the province..."

Several prominent members of the present provincial Muslim League opposition were members of the Muslim League Central Government which brought the one-unit administration into being in West Pakistan.

### 'Scheme Failed'

During the current budget debate Muslim League members supported by the left-wing national party have been claiming that the one-unit scheme has failed as a working proposition. They claimed the old administration should be resumed.

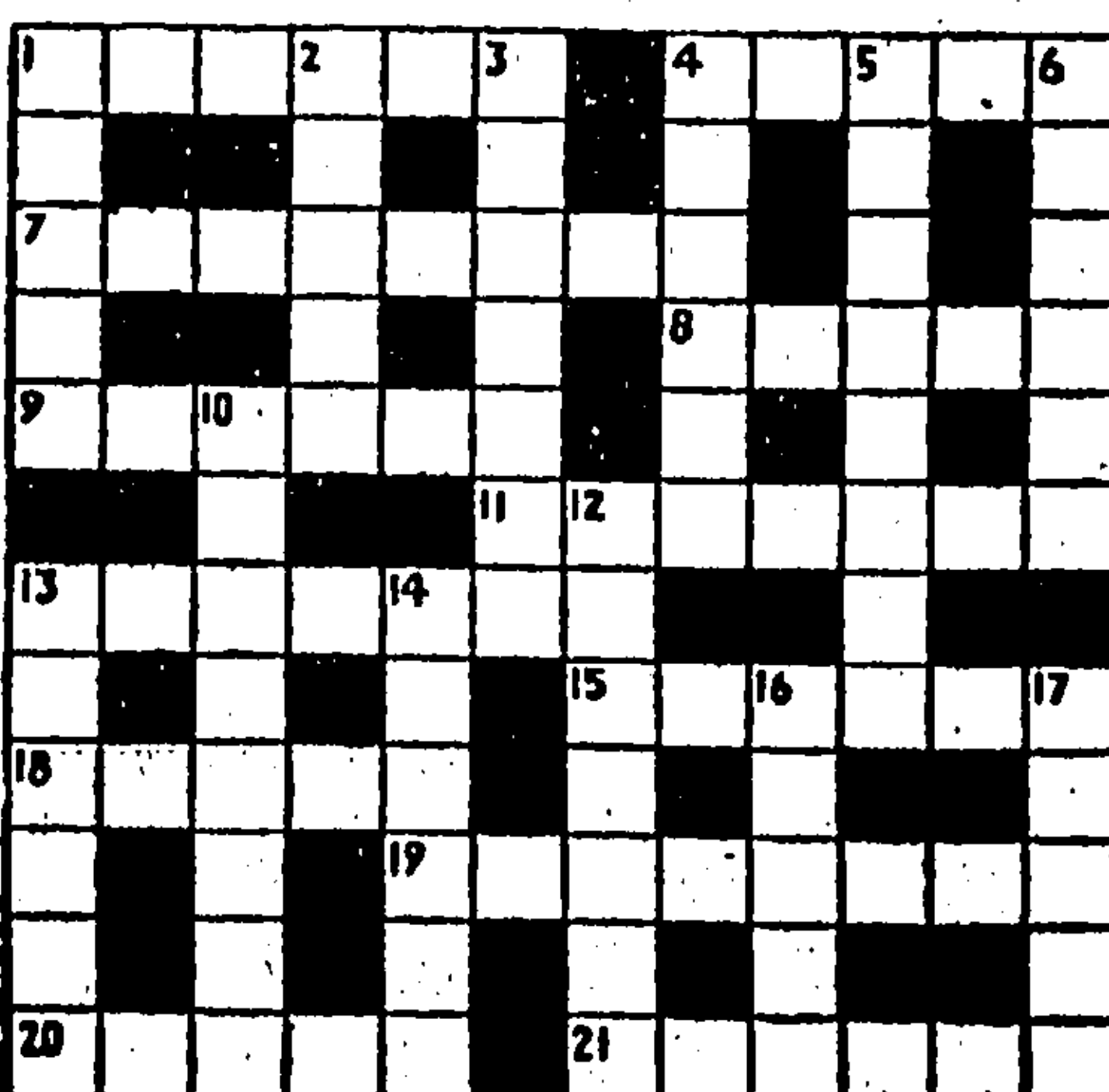
A large proportion of the Khan Sahib's party in the Provincial Assembly is composed of old Muslim League men who crossed the floor when the Khan Sahib's Party gained a majority of one in the Assembly in May last year.—Reuter.

### On Tour

Santiago, Chile, Mar. 20. The Chilean Foreign Minister, Senor Ovalle, said he left here by air tonight for Tokyo on an official visit.

He is travelling by way of the United States and will also visit India, Jordan, Turkey, Israel, France, West Germany, Italy, and Spain.—Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle.



- ACROSS**
- 1 Fills with padding (6).
  - 2 Presents (6).
  - 3 Opening (8).
  - 4 Rage (6).
  - 5 Spectral aptitude (6).
  - 6 Mere lad perhaps but precious (7).
  - 7 Gourmet (7).
  - 8 Endured (6).
  - 9 Paces (6).
  - 10 Lovers (6).
  - 11 Case (6).
  - 12 Ayaridous (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 Begin to make a movement of surprise (6).
  - 2 Compel (6).
  - 3 Speak imperfectly (7).
  - 4 Lubricant (6).
  - 5 Sweet-smelling (8).
  - 6 Frightened (6).
  - 7 Hung around (8).
  - 8 Thawing (7).
  - 9 Church festival (6).
  - 10 Insects (6).
  - 11 Condition (6).
  - 12 In need of cleaning (6).

**WEDNESDAY'S CROSSWORD.**—Across: 1 Agree, 4 Propose, 5 Free, 9 Call (love), 10 Spectre, 11 Ante, 12 Epic, 14 Sausage, 17 Aster, 19 Alone, 22 Laments, 20 Aged, 27 Rest, 28 Kefted, 29 Kite, 30 Klan, 31 Amulet, 32 Tied, Down: 1 Grapes, 3 Office, 4 Pests, 6 Repeat, 6 Pickle, 7 Spring, 12 Earl, 13 Item, 15 Ace, 16 Kink, 18 Street, 20 Lament, 21 Needle, 22 Absent, 23 Exile, 25 Sells.




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NEW YORK

# Man with a cough on his mind

**I**S President Eisenhower a sick man? Many Americans think he is. During the past few days American newspapers have been printing clinical and almost brutal comments about his appearance.

President Eisenhower has had a cough for the past six weeks and he is very conscious of it. When he broadcast on the Middle East crisis a few days ago he said: "You will excuse me if I cough."

Actually during the broadcast he did not cough, but the cough is on his mind. We are told in New York that people who have had heart attacks often have a deep lung cough.

President Eisenhower is very sensitive. He has recovered from a severe heart attack and operation within eighteen months. My view is that people are gunning for him.

I saw him recently and I thought he looked well and fit.

He has lost weight; he has gone bald; but all the old energy is still there.

The latest trouble is that he has an inflamed ear and a cold. All of us can have minor ailments of this sort.

Politics is a desperate and often ruthless business and the Democrats, the opposition party, are doing everything they can

to present a picture to the American public of a tired, sick, old man in the White House who should step down and retire.

## His mistake

**O**NE of Eisenhower's mistakes is to seclude himself. It is a tradition of Presidents of America to attend a dinner called The Gridiron given by the Washington White House correspondents.

Franklin Roosevelt attended them all. Harry Truman attended them all. Last Saturday Eisenhower didn't appear, and by a strange chance the Duke of Windsor, who had been invited and was happily sitting at an obscure table, was suddenly called upon to take Eisenhower's place on the dais.

The Duke came through magnificently and a most unusual thing happened at the dinner. When it was announced that he was present the entire gathering of Supreme Court Justices, Cabinet Ministers, leading Senators and America's most distinguished newspapermen got to their feet and cheered and applauded.

I think that this night at The Gridiron was the Duke's happiest for many years.

But what was the lonely man in the White House thinking? And what were the journalists at the Gridiron Club saying? They were saying: Is he ill? Why does he not attend one of the most important functions of the year?

And what are the public saying? This is harsh to write but it must be told.

Eisenhower has spent fewer days at the White House, which is the No. 10, Downing Street of America, than any of his predecessors.

I do not think he is a lazy man, but some compulsion has him going to Georgia for golf almost every other week-end.

He has almost stopped seeing people. There was a time when he used to hold conferences at breakfast, lunch, and dinner with people important to America's domestic and foreign policy.

But lately he has gone into an ivory tower. He has his meals alone or with Mamie, his devoted wife, who is his chief adviser.

## More remote

**M**ORE and more responsibility is being given to Vice-President Richard Nixon. He appears at the functions. He is playing the grand role in Africa.

The great general, who was a great President during his first four-year term, has become more remote than even Woodrow Wilson.

It could be that Eisenhower, well aware of the heart attack and the internal operation, is trying to conserve his strength. We all cling desperately to living, and Eisenhower, a very human man, probably thinks similarly. Anyway, the truth is that he gets up later, swims in the afternoon with a modest breast stroke, then has a nap, and usually goes to bed between ten and eleven.

## He knows

**E**ISENHOWER is fully aware of the reports and rumours about his health. Everyone knows that he should go to a warm climate to clear up the cough and bring back the colour to his cheeks, but as there has been so much criticism about his frequent absences from

## TIP-TOES



"Brother, when I get out of Europe you won't see my feet for dust."

# THE WORLD of the UNDERCOVER BANK ACCOUNTS

**I**N the discreet and unostentatious front office of Geneva's Banque Privée one day last week I watched a middle-aged Oriental stroll up to the brass-railed counter and furtively scribble a number on a slip of paper.

The clerk glanced down at the slip. In a matter of seconds he had ushered the man—an Egyptian by the look of him—into a private office.

He did not ask his name. He did not inquire whom his client wanted to see. The number on the slip of paper was enough.

To my Geneva friend who had taken me to the bank this scene was routine, something that you could see any day any time (during office hours) in one of the many private banks tucked away in the busy streets of Geneva, Basle, or Zurich.

But to me it was as fascinating as a peep into the secret files of the Kremlin.

For the Egyptian, as shown by his behaviour and that of the clerk, was a member of Europe's newest, most important and probably most influential secret club, to find out about whose activities I had specially travelled to Geneva.

## SECRET...

**T**HE Egyptian whom I had been watching was one of the tens of thousands of wealthy foreigners who in the last four or five years have brought about a revolution in the financial structure of Europe and established, without necessarily meaning to do so, a big new Swiss industrial and financial empire.

By removing their money from their own countries and placing it here in Swiss banks they have been giving to a small oligarchy of Swiss bankers control of millions of dollars they never dreamed of and a power in the world out of all proportion to the size of this tiny mountain State and its 4,500,000 thrifty inhabitants.

What makes it almost sinister is that the majority of these foreigners—crowned heads or among them—have, like the Egyptian, placed their money in the banks not under their own names but under cover of secret code numbers.

These numbers hide their identity even from the staffs of the Swiss banks and make it quite impossible for any Treasury snoopers from their own countries to find out where they have put the money.

## ASSET

**T**RYPING to find out what is being done with the money in these numbered accounts or how much there is, is as difficult as getting atomic secrets out of the Pentagon.

For, next to the integrity of their currency, the freedom from transfer restrictions and their own financial soundness, the great asset of these Swiss bankers is their secrecy.

This secrecy they protect with severe laws. They have even gone to the lengths of making it illegal for banks to accept any

the White House, he is stubbornly refusing to go to Arizona as his doctors advise.

I wish I could give a clear-cut report about the President's health. Frankly I do not know how strong he is and I do not think his six doctors know.

The health or lack of it of the President of the United States is the greatest enigma today. All we can do is wish this man well.

## Intelligence Report

SPECIAL INQUIRY

by SEFTON DELMER

I report from this super-exclusive club which is shifting the emphasis of authority in Europe

to pay money into an account merely as a ruse for finding out whether the bank holds an account for a certain person. I myself was warned that if I continued to ask too many awkward questions I might find myself in trouble with the



## NOT THE COUGH TO CARRY YOU OFF

**W**HEN the pale-faced hero of a romantic novel has a cough the reader knows at once that he is really suffering from consumption. Novel readers, like romantic authors, make an algebraic equation of Cough—T.B.

In fact, the majority of those suffering from tuberculosis have no cough at all. And very few people who cough have, in fact, anything as serious as tuberculosis.

Pale-faced Mr Jackson was relieved to hear this. All he needed was reassuring. He came into my consulting rooms like a dying Keats and went out like a Napoleon on the trail of Josephine.

"I've had this cough," he said, "ever since I caught a cold over a month ago."

He informed me that his cold had not been quite the usual kind.

Apparently he'd had a temperature at the time and felt much "rougher" than he usually did when nursing a cold.

"I'd say that it was influenza, except that I know that influenza is generally not a diagnosis but a term that popularly covers a number of allied conditions," he said.

A common condition when the "cold" settles on the chest is sometimes wrongly described as flu.

## It descends

Other doctors more accurately name it. "An atypical pneumonia" or, better still, "a descending respiratory infection."

The "cold" infection starts in the throat, and nose, and

descends down the tubes to settle in a patch on the lung.

This patch clears up on its own without any treatment (apart from bed rest), but the cough persists some time after the cold has gone.

"That's what happened in your case, as in thousands of others," I explained. "There is no question of T.B."

The colour returned to Mr Jackson's cheeks. (He was beginning to resemble Napoleon.) Even so, apparently before his present cold he tended to have a morning cough.

It seems to me that almost half the adults in Britain, living in a climate which is as damp as a nervous handshake, complain of having a cough in the morning.

It is our National Complaint and the price of our weather.

There are other factors, however, instrumental in its production.

Most important is tobacco.

"Smoker's cough, you mean?" Mr Jackson said.

"Exactly."

## Too wide

On the other hand a morning cough may be due to the fact that the breathing tubes in certain parts of the lung are too wide.

When this is the case the catarrh tends to settle, and collect in them, and it is only in the morning, when the posture is changed, that the catarrh is caught up.

But from examination I was certain that Mr Jackson did not suffer from bronchiectasis, as doctors call this condition. When I told him his tubes were

clear he looked more like Napoleon than Napoleon.

Of course, he wanted to know why he was inclined to be cheery while the only time his wife coughed was as a signal to tell him he was talking too much in company.

"It's just a matter of constitution," I said. "It runs in families."

"Childhood pneumonia and whooping cough can lead to chestiness later on."

"And the curious thing is that those who are particularly dependent on smoking are just the people who often are constitutionally cheery."

"So I should try to cut your smoking down," I said.

## Valueless?

"Meantime," Mr Jackson asked, "could you prescribe a cough mixture, doctor? Something to loosen the cough?"

Many patients seem happier if they take a cough-loosening mixture—the more evil-lasting it is the more they believe it does them good.

I tried to explain to Mr Jackson that most mixtures prescribed to loosen coughs are probably valueless. At least, there is no scientific evidence they do good.

While lung specialists are sceptical of their value, general practitioners often feel otherwise. In my view the beneficial effect of hot drinks in loosening bronchial catarrh is more valuable than many an evil-lasting cough mixture.

"All the same," Mr Jackson said, "I'd like you to prescribe me a mixture in case it does me good."

When I hesitated, he added: "I'll drink it piping hot." Then he had to rush off to catch his train at Waterloo.



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Money he  
can't get

LEOPOLD  
Money for  
the Congo

NASSER  
Money for  
arms deals

AND WHO  
ELSE?

Federal police, accused of economic espionage.

capable of fitting in well with existing Swiss concerns.

Here is what I have found: a conservative estimate given to me by one of the country's foremost private bankers is that Switzerland's leading private banks, 14 in number, hold between them some £4,000 million in secret deposits. And this does not include the probably even greater amount of money held by the three big banking corporations.

Something like £10,000,000, my friend estimates, of the money deposited with the private banks in numbered accounts is money, whose unknown owners have disappeared.

At any rate they have given no sign of life for many years now, and it is being assumed that they have probably been killed in some civil upheaval.

King Alexander of Yugoslavia, for instance, is believed to have held money in a secret numbered account in a Swiss bank when he was assassinated.

But young King Peter, though he has tried to find his money, does not know the number of the account or the bank. He has never been able to touch it.

King Alexander's money, and the rest of the £10,000,000, if that is indeed the figure, goes on earning and multiplying for the Swiss banks until it is claimed by its owners, if ever.

## FAROUK

**A** MONG living crowned heads with large sums deposited in Switzerland are King Leopold of the Belgians and King Farouk.

Leopold does a great deal of business particularly in the Belgian Congo, through the Geneva private bank of Ferrier and Lullin, whose directors' acquaintance he made while in exile near Lausanne.

Farouk has large deposits in Switzerland and until recently, I learn, was still receiving substantial royalties from Egyptian companies in a numbered account here without Nasser being aware of it.

Some of Nasser's own relatives, as well as officers of his Revolutionary Council who have been taking substantial commissions on the arms they have been ordering through Swiss agents, also have deposits in numbered accounts in Zurich.

Control of the money in these private banks is in the hands of the directors and boards of these banks, numbering fewer than a hundred.

It gives them tremendous power. One use that they have already made of it is to acquire control of French and German factories making the specially small ball-bearings used in the production of guided missiles and join them up with Swiss ball-bearing concerns, especially those situated in Elancourt.

In the same way the Swiss have been acquiring control of German electronic, automotive, and machine-tool industries.

Their production is essential to peacetime as well as wartime industry and gives the Swiss a power never enjoyed before.

This Swiss economic empire is certainly being expanded in a way no one would have dreamed of 10 years ago.

The most prolific source of escaped capital for the numbered accounts of Geneva is France.

Both private citizens and industrial concerns are smuggling vast quantities of money out of the country into Switzerland in the hope of having it safely invested here.

Some French concerns, with the aid of Swiss private banks, have embarked on a most intricate financial manoeuvre intended to save them both from the consequences of inflation and from taxation.

They smuggle money out to Switzerland, deposit it here in a numbered account. Then they get the Swiss bank to deposit the money in New York in the Swiss bank's own name.

But even this is not the end. The French then get the Swiss bank to order the American bank to lend dollars to the original French firm.

And the French firm to whom the money belongs in the first place can then charge the interest it is paying on its own money in America to itself against taxes while in fact it is drawing that interest itself in the Swiss account.

Complicated, but most enjoyable to the French industrial mind.

## ARMS...

**B**UT of all the many and peculiar deals financed by the secret club of the numbered account holders the most extraordinary are those financing the arms traffic with the Middle East and South America. Of these I shall tell you in my next report.

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(Extract from "The Isle" official  
organ of the British Ornithologists'  
Union, British Museum).

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# STALINISM RETURNS TO BULGARIA

## Party Members Fall For Big Hoax

By HUBERT HARRISON

Vienna, Mar. 20.

The Bulgarian Communist leaders, who never really put into practice the anti-Stalinist sentiments expressed by Mr. Nikita Khrushchev and others at the 20th Congress of the Soviet Communist party last year, have put back the clock to full-blown Stalinism, according to reports reaching here.

At the first hint from Moscow, when Mr. Khrushchev again praised Stalin, the Communist party in Sofia immediately began to destroy any trace there was of anti-Stalinism in their country, the reports indicate.

Mr. Vukla Chervenkov, leader of the party in its Stalinist days, who had never been thrown right out of office, although deprived of the title of Prime Minister, was brought back to be Minister of Education. In this post, he is reported to have used his "strong hand" to crush out any faintly glowing embers among the students of that rebelliousness against Stalinism which led to the recent events in Poland and Hungary.

In the Bulgarian Communist newspaper, "Trud" (Work), a triumvirate of Communist writers took it upon themselves to reply to Yugoslav criticisms of Stalinism in no half-hearted way.

## Stalinism

"The Soviet Union and people under the leadership of the great Communist party," they said, "have unwaveringly followed the Leninist path." For this, the exclusive merit is Stalin's. After Lenin's death, he led the struggle against attempts by Trotsky, Zinoviev, Bukharin and their like to direct the development of the party and Soviet society towards destruction. It is precisely this which turned the Soviet Union into a powerful industrial state.

"What great misfortune would have befallen the Soviet rule and mankind had not the Communist party, led by Stalin, defended Lenin's cause so firmly!"

These writers turned back the clock completely, when they added:

"Stalinism is first of all Communism and Marxism-Leninism. Whoever fights against Stalinism fights against Marxism-Leninism. Stalin, in spite of certain errors, was a great Marxist-Leninist. His interpretations on the questions of the state, proletarian dictatorship, the strategy, tactics and role of the party in proletarian internationalism are not 'dead dogma', but have served, and still serve, as ideological guidance for all true Communists."

## Party Members

But although there seems little chance now of any movement in Bulgaria comparable to that in Hungary, the Bulgarian regime appears to be taking no chances. The reports indicate that the revolvers issued to all members of the Communist party, in view of what happened in Hungary, have not been withdrawn. On the contrary, women members of the party have been ordered to take lessons in using them.

In one Communist household, the charwoman found three revolvers in the bed-room, according to a report received in Vienna. She was told by the husband that they were one for him, one for his wife and one for his daughter, a girl of 15 or 16 years of age.

The police patrols which were armed with rifles instead of pistols when the first danger appeared last October still carry these on night patrols—and still patrol in twos.

## Radio Trap

An amusing story is told in Sofia of the sort of traps into which some Communists fell during the upheaval in Hungary, state the reports. At the former summer palace of the Bulgarian Tsar, at Bistriza, in the Rila Mountains, now used as a rest house for the Union of Bulgarian Writers, a party was sitting round in November listening to what they thought was "Radio Sofia."

Suddenly they heard to their surprise the announcement: "In view of recent events in Europe, the Bulgarian Communist party has unanimously decided to withdraw from the Government. Tzar Simeon has been invited to return to Bulgaria."

For a time the party sat silent. Then one of them said: "I shall be sure, I had very good relations with Tzar Simeon." Other explained hastily that,

though a member of the party, he had never believed in Communism.

## Members Caught

Then one of the party admitted that the whole thing was a hoax. The announcement had been recorded and inserted into a programme of Radio Sofia on the Palace radio relay network. These two speakers were not the only ones to regret their hasty acceptance of the anti-Stalinist line. Several officials and deputy Ministers who dared, in the light of the 20th Congress decisions, to criticise "the cult of the individual," have been removed from office.

The Prime Minister, Anton Yugov himself, gave an official rebuff to students who demanded the abolition of compulsory lessons in Marxism-Leninism at the Universities. Mr. Chervenkov has undertaken a thorough purge of the Universities and has ejected 1,500 students whose pastime or ideas made them suspect.

Together with Albania, where the Stalinists also never really lost power, Bulgaria can claim, according to the reports, to be the Communist land which has suffered the least upheaval as a result of the 20th Congress of the Soviet Communist party.—China Mail Special.

## THE RAINIERS ON HOLIDAYS



Prince Rainier and Princess Grace (formerly Grace Kelly) — the Hollywood actress — of Monaco, have been spending a holiday in Switzerland. Here in Lausanne the couple sit in front of their hotel, contented as any of the other tourists, with the warm spring sunshine. Their baby daughter, Caroline, is in the safe hands of the Swiss nurse, Marg Stahl. — Central Press Photo.

## Plane Crashes

Manila, Mar. 21  
A United States Navy pilot died yesterday morning when his Skyraider went out of control and plunged into Lamon Bay, Quezon Province, Southern Luzon. It was reported by United States Navy headquarters here.

Attempts to recover the aircraft and the body of the pilot are now being made by Navy teams.—France-Press.

## Union Chief Called By Senate

Washington, Mar. 20.  
Senate racketeers investigators today summoned the Teamsters' president, Dave Beck, to testify next Tuesday after he had agreed to appear "voluntarily." They told him to bring all his "personal financial records."

In what amounted to an ultimatum, the chairman, Mr. John McClellan, notified Beck by telegram to produce "then and there" all of his "personal financial books and records." He also ordered the Union chief to confirm "promptly" that he would comply.

An hour earlier Beck had said in Seattle, Washington, that he would appear at the Committee's convenience and "bring with me the records covering the period you specify without prejudice to my rights under the constitution and bill of rights."

This was regarded as a warning that he might refuse to disclose some of the data. The fifth amendment guarantees a witness against self-incrimination.

The exchange of telegrams came as the West Coast Teamsters' boss, Frank Brewster, admitted before the committee that he reaped financial rewards from a horse stable partnership with the broker who handles the Teamsters' health and welfare fund.

The Committee reported that the broker, George Newell, receives \$300,000 a year from the Union. It said Brewster drew a salary of \$5,000 from the jointly-run horse stable and made a \$40,000 profit when the stable was liquidated.—United Press.

## Offer Rejected

Athens, Mar. 20.  
Greece has refused the offer of Lord Ismay, NATO's Secretary-General, to mediate in the Cyprus dispute, the Greek Prime Minister, Mr. Constantine Karamanlis, announced tonight. — Reuters.

# URANIUM SEEKER HITS JACKPOT AND HELPS BRIGHT YOUNG MEN

By WILLIAM FLYNN

Saratoga, Mar. 20.

What would you do if you suddenly came into possession of \$9,000,000 (over £3,000,000) is a question to which Mr. Vernon Pick, who hit the jackpot in the Southern Utah uranium fields for \$9,000,000, has his own personal answer.

Living comfortably with his wife Ruth, in a mountain lodge near here, 80 miles south of San Francisco, he is now able to engage in hobbies which years of comparative poverty denied him.

And he is investing six-figure sums in a research laboratory which, he hopes, will "extend the horizons of science."

A Middle-Westerner, Mr. Pick led an uneventful life until he decided to go uranium hunting about five years ago. He invested his modest savings in the necessary equipment, purchased a pamphlet from the Government printing office, and set off for the wild wilderness country of Southern Utah.

He failed in his search. Finally, he had only \$300 left. He invested it in the supplies required for one final expedition into the Muddy River country.

## Jackpot

Just as he was about to give up and return to "civilisation," he made his strike. Two years later, he sold out to a corporation for \$9,000,000.

For several months, he and his wife travelled, seeking a place to live. Eventually, he purchased an 800-acre estate in the foot-hills which overlook the Santa Clara Valley here. On the property, thick with redwood forests, was an old lodge, built on the highest hill.

"We modernised it a bit," Mr. Pick explains. "We have seven bedrooms and five bathrooms and we fixed up the other rooms a bit and it really is comfortable now."

He cleared up a landing strip in the forest and brought a

## Laboratories

Then he set about establishing his laboratories.

"The years have taken their toll," he says. "Some of my drive was gone. I knew that new things were being done by young men — fellows who felt that they could take the world apart and put it together again."

"When I was young I thought like that. And I thought then that I could get on if I had three things: good technical competence; good business and promotional competence; and enough money."

He decided to give some "bright young men" the chance which he himself never had. So he spent \$250,000 on a modernistic research laboratory with equipment for work in the fields of electronics, physics, and geo-physics. He gathered together 25 bright young men and told them to get to work. Mr. Pick is the "administrator" of the projects.

Already the "team" has developed a radiation detector which is for sale for \$15,000 (over £5,000) a unit.

## Research

"It really is a super-duper," Mr. Pick says.

Another of his projects is the development of a super-accurate rifle barrel.

"I have been a hunter and a target shooter since I was a boy," he will explain, "and I think a more accurate rifle can be made. Just how, I don't know but we are trying to find out. None of the research has any military significance."

Mr. Pick is willing, too, to discuss the activities of the research laboratory in terms of profit.

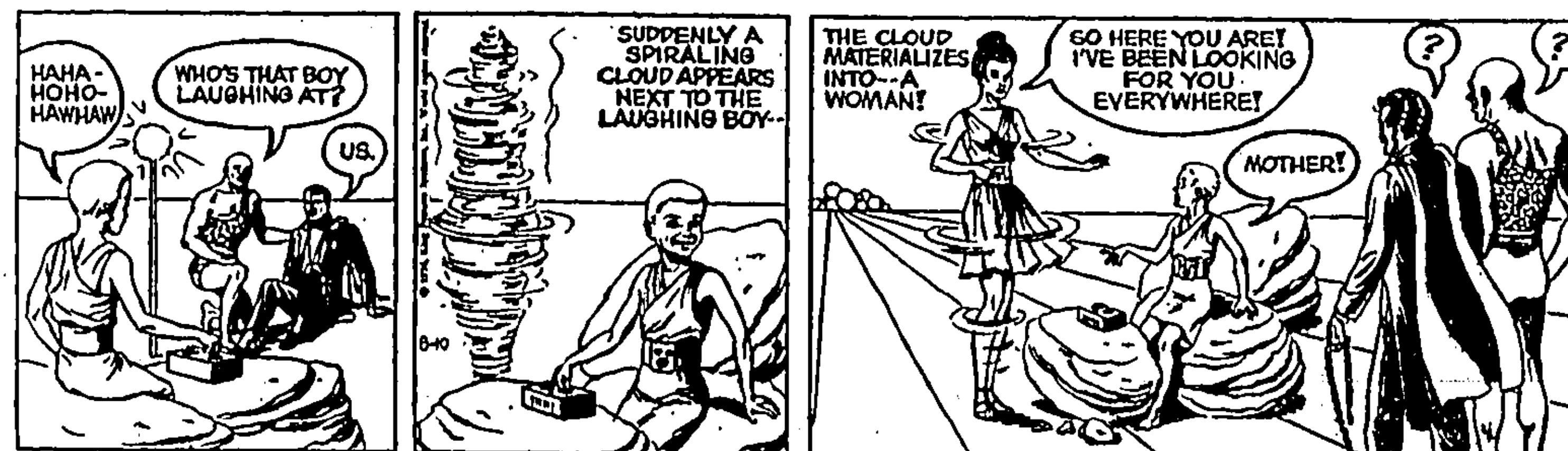
"I expect to profit in this way — make a profit so that I can increase and expand exploration and research. I am not trying to pile up dollars. I want to use them for a useful purpose — for further research. If we develop some patents, we shall give them free to the industry or to a cost-reducing basis. So far, I have not made much money. Of course, I have income from investments and we may make a sale with a new development in a short time. But we have spent quite a lot so far."

In spite of his \$9,000,000, Mr. Pick is working more than an average working week.

"When I get tired, I try a bit of sculpture," he says, "and then I have my photography. I have about every kind of camera there is, but I only take pictures in black and white. I have not tried colour yet." — China Mail Special.

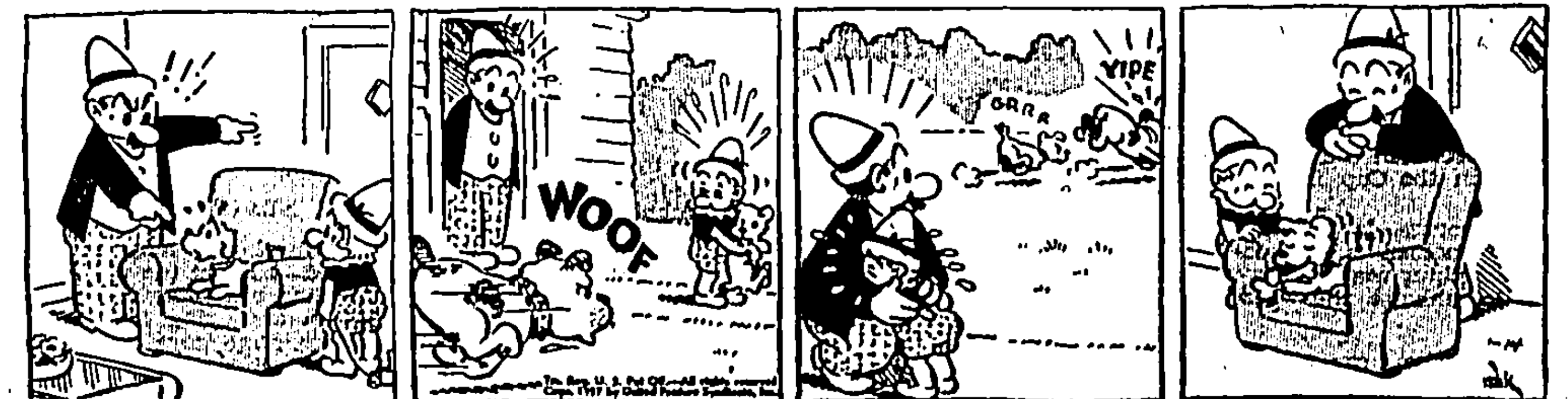
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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



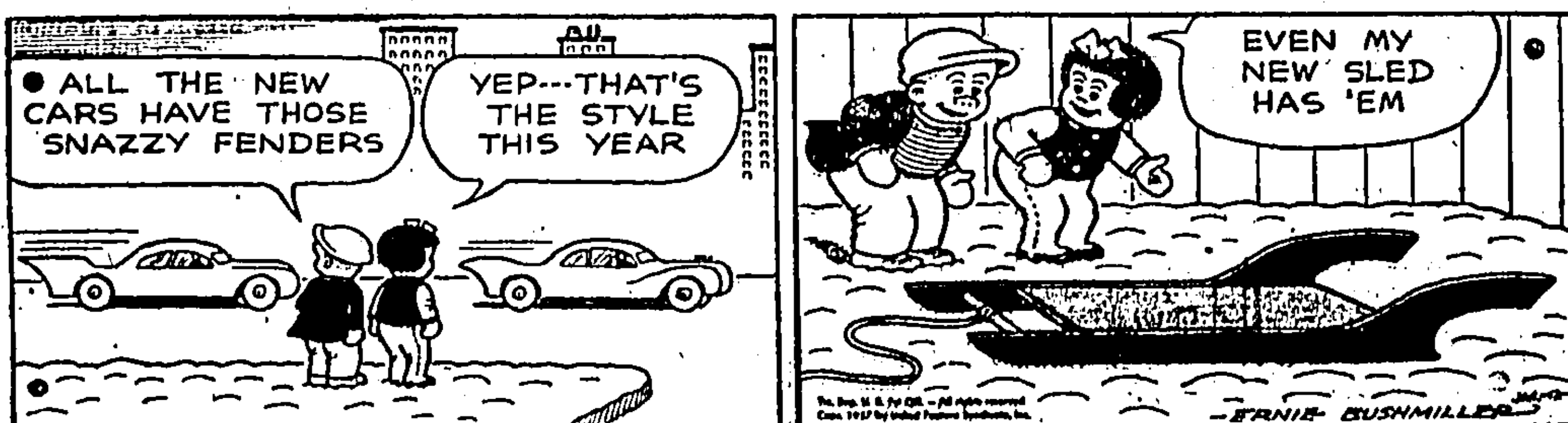
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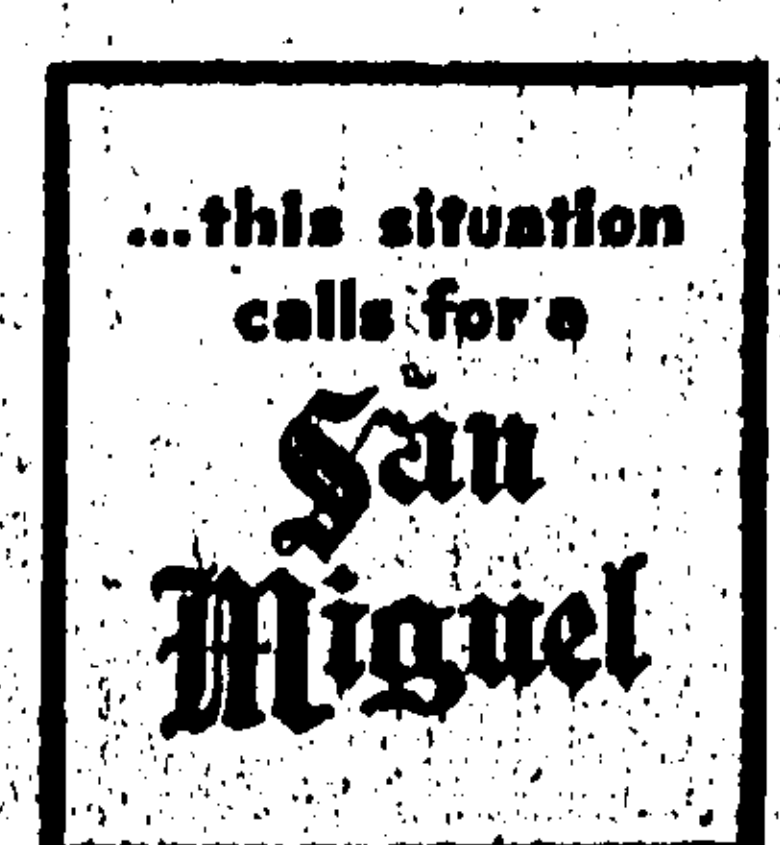
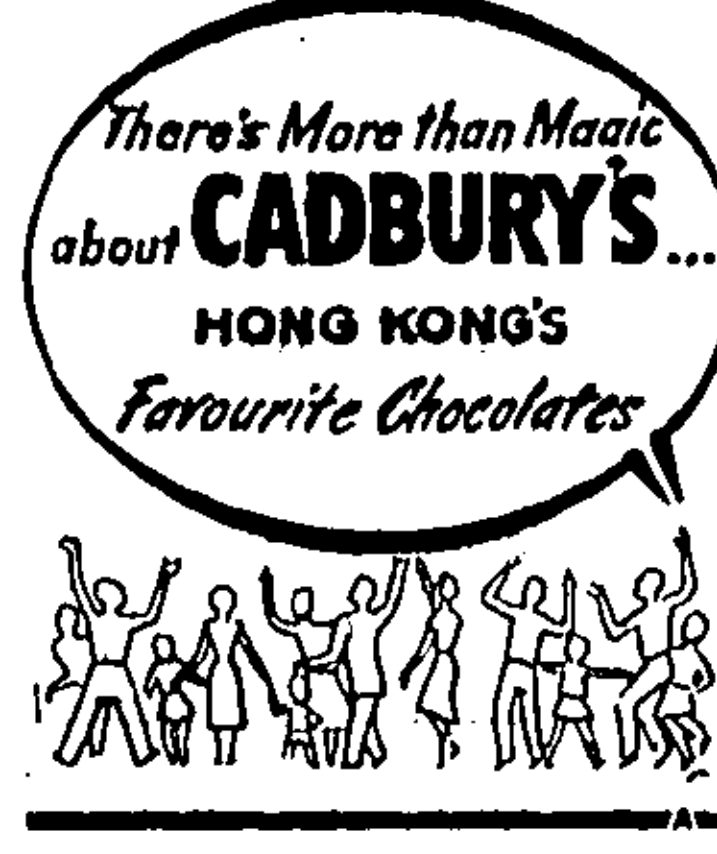
## NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



## JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



## 'Wrong Door' Hearing Continues

Hollywood, Mar. 20.  
A girl friend of film star Marilyn Monroe said today she was too ill for an appearance before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury to tell what she might know about the celebrated "wrong door" raid against the blonde actress.

Mrs. Sheila Stewart Renour had been scheduled as the first witness when the jury resumed its probe of the raid which also involves singer Frank Sinatra and baseball immortal Joe DiMaggio. But she telephoned Deputy Dist. Atty. William L. Ritzel that she had a "severe migraine headache" and could not appear until later.

Ritzel then called before the jury Mrs. Virginia E. Blagen, landlady of the West Los Angeles apartment building. Mrs. Blagen told newsmen after her appearance that she repeated the story she told a state Senate Committee which investigated the raid at public hearings last month. At that time, she said, she saw DiMaggio and Sinatra near her home but did not know who actually participated in the search. — United Press.



## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

STOCKS RISE  
AND FALL ON  
WALL STREET

New York, Mar. 20.  
Stocks turned down on late realising, after rising most of the session on substantially increased turnover.

With nothing really concrete to spur the advance, many leaders fell from the highs, some of them to net losses for the day.

Tin Council  
Likely To Raise  
Floor Price

London, Mar. 20.  
The fourth meeting of the International Tin Council opened in London this morning. The Chairman, M. Georges Peter (France), presided and there was full gathering of delegates.

Apart from the delegates, those attending in an advisory capacity included Mr. A. D. Dawson, Deputy Controller of export commodities in the Department of Commerce and Industry of the Malayan Government, and Sir Douglas Waring, President of the Chamber of Mines, representing the mining industry.

The meeting is expected to end this week. The delegates were due to debate proposals for a higher floor price for tin, according to a statement by the Chairman after the Council's last meeting. This refers to the price on the London Metal Exchange at which the Manager of the Buffer Stock is compelled to buy tin, and so keep the price up. This price is at present £400 per ton. The market feeling is that this limit is likely to be raised by the Council to at least £700.—China Mail Special.

US Industrial  
Show For Japan

New York, Mar. 20.  
A group of American firms are sending industrial displays to Japan this month for the week-long conference on the peaceful uses of atomic energy in Tokyo from May 13-16.

The exhibit will be staged in Tokyo at the Shirokyn Exhibit Hall from May 12-19 and at the Sogo Exhibit Hall in Osaka from May 24-31. It is being sponsored by the atomic industrial forums of the United States and Japan.

At least 30 Americans from industry, government, education and research activities will be speakers at the conference which will hold separate sessions in Osaka and Nagoya as well as in Tokyo.

The U.S. section of the exhibit will centre around a 30-square foot theme display and information centre depicting the scope and potential of the entire atomic industry.—United Press.

BRITISH CAR  
PRODUCTION

London, Mar. 20.  
United Kingdom car production in February rose to 47,040 from the January total of 41,598 units, but was substantially below the 69,881 cars produced in February, 1956, according to the Board of Trade.

Car exports, however, at 28,400 were up on both January's 26,372 and last February's 20,040.

Goods vehicle production was 20,147 units compared with 17,083 in January and 20,927 in February last year and that of public service vehicles 838 against 712 in January and 972 in February 1956.—China Mail Special.

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local "official" exchange market this morning at the following rates:

100 dollars (per \$1)	610
100 sterling (per £1)	1533
Australian notes (per £1)	1278
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	1615
Sumatra (per 100)	2275
Singapore (Straits)	130

VEHICLE PRODUCTION CUTBACK  
HITS RUBBER COMPANY

New York, Mar. 20.  
THE cutback in motor vehicle production, combined with higher labour and selling costs, were the major factors behind a five per cent decline in the net profit of the United States Rubber Company during 1956, its annual report disclosed here.

Net income was \$31,870,013, equivalent to \$4.83 a share of common stock, compared with \$33,659,404 or \$5.14 a share in 1955, Mr. H.E. Humphreys, Jr., Chairman of the Board, reported.

Sales for 1956 totalled \$901,260,194 and were 2.6 per cent below the Company's all-time record of \$925,539,092 in 1955.

An increase in foreign business and a greater volume of sales in footwear, conveyor belts, power transmission belting and other industrial products were more than offset by reduced sales of tyres, foam rubber, upholstery fabrics and other automotive products, Mr. Humphreys said.

Improvements to property, plant and equipment, amounted to \$32,614,229 during the year. The Company's west coast foam rubber plant was doubled in size. Production was also increased for rug cushioning, furniture cushioning, golf balls, conveyor belts, hose and battery separators.

Automatic equipment was installed in tyre plants to reduce costs and improve quality. Production of fire hose was modernised.

The company's new research centre, which will be the most modern in the industry, will be completed before the end of 1957. It was reported that twenty-four new products developed in the company's

central research laboratories since 1948, were responsible for \$100 million in sales during the year.

Sales of Dominion Rubber Company Limited, the company's Canadian subsidiary, reached a record high in 1956 and foreign business in other countries also increased.

The company acquired control of North British Rubber Company Limited, in Edinburgh (Scotland) and started construction of two new plants to manufacture latex yarn and Inelcon thread through affiliated companies in England and France.—China Mail Special.

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Nearby May and July advanced after the opening on trade covering brought about by a 140-bale drop in certified cotton stocks to 10,298 bales. Scattered trade demand kept these deliveries around their highs for the day. There also was a little transferring from nearby May to July, but nothing of any significance.

Cotton ginned from the 1956 cotton crop amounted to 13,150,313 bales, compared with 13,097,798 bales prior to January 18, according to the Bureau of Census. Ginning from the 1955 crop totalled 14,542,000 bales.

Domestic cotton consumption for the four weeks ended March 23 totalled 685,000 bales, compared with 640,000 in the preceding five-week period, and 760,000 in the four weeks ended Feb. 23, 1956.

Daily rate of consumption for the latest period averaged 84,800 bales, against 83,000 and 88,000 in the respective comparative period.

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AMSTERDAM  
The rubber market was firm. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif April as follows:  
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New York, Mar. 20.  
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Spot (cents per lb. 100 Ciba) 5.50  
Open interest: 9,227 contracts.  
Contract No. 6 (domestic)  
May ..... 5.74  
July ..... 5.62  
September ..... 5.52  
November ..... 5.40  
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AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT  
SPLIT  
Proposed Bank  
Reform Dispute

Canberra, Mar. 20.  
Proposals for the reform of the Commonwealth Bank have caused deep differences of opinion between the two Coalition Government parties here, the Liberal party, led by Mr Robert Menzies, the Prime Minister, and the Country Party, whose leader is Sir Arthur Fadden, the Federal Treasurer.

The reforms would separate the central and trading functions of the Bank.

Liberal Ministers, including Mr Menzies, favour the reforms, while Sir Arthur Fadden and the Country party oppose them.

Political observers here say that the situation is similar to that created by a suggestion for the revaluation of the Australian pound in 1951. Then, they recall, the Country party Ministers threatened to resign and withdraw their support from the Government if Mr Menzies persisted in his plans. Mr Menzies capitulated.

Other opponents of a change in the present banking system are stressing that such legislation would touch off a political fight from which the opposition Labour party could gain much.

Observers here do not expect the dispute to go so far as to cause a dissolution of Parliament.—China Mail Special.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET  
Chicago, Mar. 20.  
Most grains advanced on the Board of Trade today in active dealings.

Wheat futures were up after a letup in March liquidation. Old crop months showed the most strength on today's trading.

Soybeans were about steady. There was some liquidation, and trade was generally small.

Wheat closed up 1/4 to 1 1/2 cents. Soybeans closed up 1/4 to 1 1/2 cents.

Wheat No. 2, red  
Spot ..... 224 1/2-225 1/2  
Mar. 224 1/2-225 1/2  
May ..... 224 1/2-225 1/2  
July ..... 224 1/2-225 1/2  
Sept. .... 224 1/2-225 1/2  
Dec. .... 224 1/2-225 1/2

Wheat No. 2, yellow  
Spot ..... 120-120 1/2  
Mar. 120-120 1/2  
May ..... 120-120 1/2  
July ..... 120-120 1/2  
Sept. .... 120-120 1/2  
Dec. .... 120-120 1/2

Oats  
Spot ..... 75-75 1/2  
Mar. 75-75 1/2  
May ..... 75-75 1/2  
July ..... 75-75 1/2  
Sept. .... 75-75 1/2  
Dec. .... 75-75 1/2

Soybeans, No. 2, yellow  
Spot ..... 24 1/2-24 3/4  
Mar. 24 1/2-24 3/4  
May ..... 24 1/2-24 3/4  
July ..... 24 1/2-24 3/4  
Sept. .... 24 1/2-24 3/4  
Dec. .... 24 1/2-24 3/4

Barley  
Spot ..... 130-140  
New York flour  
80 lb. sack ..... \$13.00-13.25  
—United Press.

WINNIPEG PRICES  
Winnipeg, Mar. 20.  
Prices of grain futures closed today in cents per bushel as follows:  
Oats  
May ..... 71 1/2  
July ..... 71 1/2  
Oct. .... 71 1/2  
Barley  
May ..... 114 1/2  
July ..... 114 1/2  
Oct. .... 114 1/2  
Flaxseed  
May ..... 22 1/2  
July ..... 22 1/2  
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Canola  
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BANKERS ACCEPTANCE  
DEALERS CUT RATES

New York, Mar. 20.  
Bankers acceptance dealers late yesterday cut their rates by one-quarter per cent in the first reduction in the yield of the trade bills in more than nine months.

The move was made, dealers said today, because of excess supply of short-term investment funds as evidenced by the decline on March 18 at 92 United States Treasury tender when the rate for 91-day bills eased to 3.04 per cent, the lowest since last November.

Dealers said demand for acceptances had been in excess of supply for some time. This demand had caused the price to rise and hence yields to fall. They noted that stable inflow of foreign funds had contributed to the pressure on the acceptance market.

The latest figures issued by the New York Federal Reserve Bank showed bankers acceptance outstanding in the United States decreased seasonally by \$19,320,000 in February to the end of the month total of \$982,178,000. This compared with a gain of \$44,744,000 in January and a gain of \$42,247,000 in February, 1956.

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Nearby deliveries were up from start, but new crop months, under pressure for most of the day, moved into the plus column near the close on commission house buying.

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Nearby May and July advanced after the opening on trade covering brought about by a 140-bale drop in certified cotton stocks to 10,298 bales. Scattered trade demand kept these deliveries around their highs for the day. There also was a little transferring from nearby May to July, but nothing of any significance.

Cotton ginned from the 1956 cotton crop amounted to 13,150,313 bales, compared with 13,097,798 bales prior to January 18, according to the Bureau of Census. Ginning from the 1955 crop totalled 14,542,000 bales.

Domestic cotton consumption for the four weeks ended March 23 totalled 685,000 bales, compared with 640,000 in the preceding five-week period, and 760,000 in the four weeks ended Feb. 23, 1956.

Daily rate of consumption for the latest period averaged 84,800 bales, against 83,000 and 88,000 in the respective comparative period.

Month Volume Open Interest  
May ..... 14,300 554,000  
June ..... 9,500 151,500  
July ..... 8,200 171,700  
Aug. .... 6,400 153,200  
Sept. .... 5,200 120,000  
Oct. .... 4,300 97,200  
Nov. .... 3,500 81,200  
Dec. .... 2,800 67,200  
Total ..... 43,900 1,028,000 bales

SAO PAULO  
Cotton future closings, in pence per lb. were as follows:  
Old contract Mar/Apr. 28.07  
May/June 28.24  
July/Aug. 28.31  
Sept/Oct. 28.38  
Nov/Dec. 28.45  
New Contract Mar/Apr. 28.07  
May/June 28.24  
July/Aug. 28.31  
Sept/Oct. 28.38  
Nov/Dec. 28.45  
Egyptian Karnak Jan/Feb. 60.00

AMSTERDAM  
The rubber market was firm. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif April as follows:  
No. 1 rubber ..... 2.05 paid  
No. 2 rubber ..... 2.05 paid  
No. 3 rubber ..... 2.05 paid  
No. 1 crepe ..... 2.05 paid  
—United Press.

New York Sugar Market  
New York, Mar. 20.  
World No. 4 sugar futures closed today one point higher to five points lower with sales of 789 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed one to three points lower with sales of 141 contracts.

World futures extended yesterday's quietness but rallied at the close and recovered most of the loss on technical covering. Trading in the domestic market was routine with prices down slightly.

Contract No. 4 (world)  
May ..... 6.11  
July ..... 6.04-07  
September ..... 5.95  
November ..... 5.85  
March ..... 5.75  
May ..... 5.65  
Spot (cents per lb. 100 Ciba) 5.50  
Open interest: 9,227 contracts.  
Contract No. 6 (domestic)  
May ..... 5.74  
July ..... 5.62  
September ..... 5.52  
November ..... 5.40  
March ..... 5.30  
May ..... 5.20  
Spot (cents per lb. 100 Ciba) 5.10  
Open interest: 2,227 contracts.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES  
New York, Mar. 20.  
 Santos "B" coffee futures today slipped 50 points higher to 211 contracts.

Trading in the spot market was thin with prices unchanged. Prices for Santos "B" futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:  
May ..... 16.15  
July ..... 16.10  
Sept. .... 16.05  
Nov. .... 15.95  
Dec. .... 15.85  
Mar. .... 15.75  
—United Press.

INDUSTRIALS  
GAIN ON  
LONDON MART  
London, Mar. 20.  
A late afternoon rumour that the shipyard strike had been settled brought bargain hunters into the stock market today and gave industrials net gains of sixpence to a shilling.

Volume was the lowest since last November.  
Oils scored modest gains, with Shell up sixpence and Royal Dutch up 2 1/2.  
British Governments joined some of their early losses, with War Loan closed unchanged. Others were still down by amounts ranging from 2 1/2 to 4 1/2.  
Foreign bonds were idle apart from activity in Greek and Baltic bonds.—United Press.

LONDON METAL MARKET  
London, Mar. 20.  
The tin market was firm this afternoon with spot 4 points higher and three-month up 3 1/2 points.

Turnover was 66 tons.  
Lead, zinc and copper were all steady. Prices all in sterling per long ton were as follows:  
Tin spot ..... 770  
Tin 3-month ..... 770 1/2  
Copper spot ..... 230 1/2  
Copper 3-month ..... 230 1/2  
Lead spot ..... 112 1/2  
Lead 3-month ..... 112 1/2  
Zinc spot ..... 58 1/2  
Zinc 3-month ..... 58 1/2  
—United Press.

NEW YORK METAL PRICES  
New York, Mar. 20.  
Spot prices:  
Tin—62 1/2 cents per lb.  
Antimony—32 cents per lb.  
Tungsten—44.00 per ton.  
Beryllium—\$40-45 per ton.  
Cadmium—112 1/2 per lb.  
Manganese—30.00 cents per lb.  
Aluminum—37.10 cents per lb.  
Copper—28 cents per lb.  
Lead—10 cents per lb.  
Nickel—74.00 cents per lb.  
Platinum—\$82.00 per fine ounce.  
Zinc—14.00 cents per lb.  
—United Press.

LONDON SILVER PRICES  
London, Mar. 20.  
The price of silver was quoted today at 79 1/2 pence for spot and 79 1/2 pence for forward.—United Press.

NAMESAKES  
Answers—1 Civil, 2 Head, 3 Nasby, 4 War, 5 Royal, 6 Cavalier, 7 Troops, 8 Stuart, 9 Rush, 10 Rupert, 11 Slide, 12 King, 13 Parliament, 14 Marston, 15 Execute.  
Charles the First.

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## A Family Man

SHE is a favourite character with cartoonists — the criminal's wife. He is shown masked, a bag of swag over his shoulder, going to or coming from the scene of the crime. She is telling him what she wants him to steal, as though she were making out a shopping-list. Or she is trying on for size, stolen turtars, ropes of pearls.

In fact, the criminal's wife is more often sad than funny. Herbert's wife had known what it was to keep the family going while he was away in prison—now for 18 months, now for three years.

**HOME LOVER**  
SOMEHOW she held on, and miraculously kept secret from her two small boys the reason for their father's disappearance.

When Herbert came out of prison last, in 1952, she begged him to give up crime—and he did. He was lucky and got a job that had prospects. By 1957, he was earning £20 a week as a salesman. His wife's troubles seemed over.

Each morning, Herbert went to work at 7 o'clock. He was rarely home before 7.30 in the evening. And when he came home, he stayed home.

**DANGEROUS SATURDAY**  
ON his Saturday mornings off, Herbert went drinking merrily with friends. Saturdays frightened his wife, for sometimes he came home from the local talking as if he wished the old days of crime and excitement were back.

The other day, after a morning session, he was called into a store, picked up six pullovers, stuffed them under his coat, and walked out. He was caught and at Clerkenwell pleaded guilty to theft.

His wife went into the witness-box. "He's so good now, sir," she said to Mr. E. G. Robey. "He lives such a good life. For the boys' sake, sir, can you give him a chance? I've never told the boys."

She looked with love and pity to the dock where her husband, a stocky, greying man of 50, stood.

Herbert was fined £20, instead of being sent to prison. His wife went out of the court by way of the public gallery. And there total strangers patted her on the back as she passed. To their pity, I would add mine.

## It Rains Stones On A Farm

Perth, Mar. 20.  
For the past five days it has been raining stones on a farm at Pumphrey, 92 miles south-east of Perth.

The stones are mainly pebbles, but some have been large enough to cause painful bruises to persons on the farm owned by Alan Donaldson.

His farm workers, mostly bush country natives, seem convinced there is some supernatural explanation for the falling stones—and meteorologists in the area have not been able to offer an alternative explanation.

The hoodoo talk really got going after a 23-year-old native, Cyril Penny, left the district and returned to his home 100 miles away to consult a tribal leader on the phenomenon. Mysteriously, the stones stopped falling, temporarily, immediately after that.

**UNDER A SPELL?**  
This gave rise to a theory that Penny was the key man in the situation, that he was under a spell and the stones fell because of his presence on the Donaldson farm.

Normal explanation of the phenomenon would be that the stones were picked up by wind and dropped on the farm. But the stones have also been found inside the tents of the workers, and this has been verified by disinterested parties. Apparently they get inside the tents without damaging the fabric. How?

For this question there has been no ready answer.

The Donaldson farm is on a flat plain with no high place in the vicinity from which stones could fall.—United Press.

## FLYING SAUCERS: SCIENTIST'S CLAIM CHALLENGED

Washington, Mar. 20.  
A private research organisation challenged a leading government scientist today to prove his claim that there is no such thing as a "flying saucer".

The Director of the Research group offered to disband the organisation if the scientist could offer absolute proof of his statement.

The challenge was issued to Dr. Hugh Dryden, Director of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, by Mr. Donald Keyhoe, head of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

Mr. Dryden told a House Appropriations sub-committee recently that the much-discussed "unidentified flying objects" simply did not exist. Mr. Keyhoe, in a letter to Mr. Dryden, said the NICAP "has in its possession new evidence that vital facts about UFOs have been withheld from the public."

**A PROMISE**  
"If, as you imply, you can provide absolute proof that UFOs are non-existent, then NICAP will publish this as its final conclusion and at the same time I shall request the Board to dissolve this committee at once."

Mr. Keyhoe, a retired Marine Corps major who has written several books on saucers, told Dr. Dryden NICAP was controlled by a "responsible Board of Governors" including such retired service leaders as General Albert Wedemeyer, Rear-Admiral Delmer Fahrney and Air Force General William Kepner.

The Committee was established to investigate UFO reports by military fliers, airline pilots, radar operators and guided missile trackers.

Dr. Dryden's claim was made in an exchange with a sub-committee chairman, Mr. Albert Thomas, during hearings last month. Dr. Dryden had denied a published report that the Germans had developed a 1,250-mph saucer just before World War II ended.—United Press.

## Driver Saves Snowman Hunters

Katmandu, Mar. 20.  
Several members of Texan Tom Slick's "abominable snowman" hunting expedition were slightly injured in a brush with death, it was learned here today.

Information received from Bhatnagar said the Slick party's bus nearly plunged into a ravine on the way to Dharan on March 14.

The bus driver intentionally rammed a house rather than let the bus tumble into a deep ravine on the other side of the road. Several members of the expedition were shaken up in the crash and received first aid.

**CHICKEN CASUALTY**  
Total casualties in the demolished house: one small chicken.

A Nepalese party leader who met the Slick party trekking from Dharan the day after the crash said he found all members in "good health."

Slick is taking his expedition into the world's highest mountains to attempt to photograph the legendary yeti, the "abominable snowman."—United Press.

## Goa's Return Inevitable — Nehru

New Delhi, Mar. 20.  
Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru declared today that "it is inevitable that Goa must come to us."

Nehru said that India does not want to take drastic action on the Portuguese colony now because reaction would be felt elsewhere.

"We have to be cautious," Nehru told Parliament. He declined to predict future action by saying "I cannot lay a timetable on this matter."

Nehru said the Goa question "continues to trouble us not because of its magnitude but because Goa is essentially important to us."—United Press.

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## US Navy Merges Command

Washington, Mar. 20.  
The Navy today merged its major defensive task in the Atlantic area in one new command and placed it under Vice-Admiral Frank Watkins.

Admiral Watkins, recently commander of the Atlantic Fleet submarine force today relieved Rear-Admiral F. M. Hughes as commander of the Atlantic Fleet anti-submarine force. Admiral Hughes will become commander of the Fifth Naval District.

In announcing the new command, the Navy related its responsibilities to the "possibility of submarine-launched missile attacks against the United States."

Admiral Jerauld Wright, Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, in making the announcement, said "a major objective of this change is to insure the fastest reaction possible by the fleet" in the event of a missile attack.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**  
In his new job, Admiral Watkins will have authority for all anti-submarine efforts of the fleet in the Atlantic. He will directly command the Navy contribution to the radar early warning line that stretches east out to sea and he will be responsible for planning war type protection and control of all shipping in the Atlantic.

In addition to these major duties he was also given the responsibility for operational and training task in the anti-submarine field and he was given what the Navy described as "considerable voice" in the research and development of anti-submarine devices.

The Navy has repeatedly stressed the potential danger from the rapid buildup of the Soviet submarine force, numbers about 450 vessels according to US intelligence. The US Navy has also repeatedly said that seagoing submarines could launch missiles that could hit key US cities and bases along the Atlantic seaboard.—Reuter.

## May Run For Presidency

Manila, Mar. 21.  
Senate President Eulogio Rodriguez yesterday virtually threw his hat into the presidential ring as he announced he might run for the presidency if it was necessary to preserve national unity and keep the ruling Nacionalista Party intact.

Rodriguez' statement came after his supporters urged him to run, pointing out that maneuvering for elective posts in the coming November elections, caused by the death of President Maguiness, would cause serious divisions among the people and within the Nacionalista Party.

Another development was the urging of some Nacionalista leaders to include Mrs. Ramon Maguiness in the Nacionalista Senatorial slate.

Meanwhile, there were reports that some NP leaders had launched a move to oust Senator Claro Roco from the majority party following a NP meeting two days ago in which the question of Roco's election was taken up. In the event, he ran for President as a rebel NP member.

President Carlos Garcia and Roco had a brief meeting yesterday but Roco said that his visit was purely a "courtesy call."—France-Press.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"He says the way living costs are soaring, we've got to pay him 10 percent more for washing his neck and ears!"

## Magistrate On Gold Concealment

The seriousness of concealing gold in one's person was stressed by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning when he imposed a fine of \$750 on Ho Kwok, 47, for illegal importation of 14 bars of gold.

## Good Year For North Point Wharves

An increased profit for the year was reported this morning at the annual general meeting of North Point Wharves Ltd., over which Major S. M. Churn presided.

Major Churn said the profit was \$590,159, representing 8.46 per cent on issued capital. This was an improvement over the previous year of \$59,500, or 11 per cent.

Cargo handled again showed an increase and the company's properties worked to near capacity throughout the year.

Major Churn added: "Our clientele has been maintained and no complaints received. The staff have again given excellent and satisfactory service, both to the company and its many clients."

From the Directors' Report you will have noted that the balance available for appropriation is \$1,075,387, and I propose this be dealt with as recommended by the Directors, that is:

Pay a dividend of 50 cents per share absorbing \$352,250; transfer to general reserve \$500,000; pay bonus to the staff at the discretion of the Directors \$50,000; provide for taxation 1957-58 \$45,000; carry forward to 1957 account \$720,137.

**Stored Dangerous Goods**  
Mr. I. T. Morris this morning fined the Major Contractors Limited and its chief engineer, Li Ki-van, \$5,000 each for storing dangerous goods without a licence. The case was heard at Kowloon Magistracy.

The defendants were summoned for storing 11 sticks of gelignite, 25 pounds of gunpowder and 20 coils of safety-fuse in a hut at Tai Wo Ping on March 6 last. The explosives were found by the police during investigation of a report made by the defendant company of the theft of explosives.

Mr. Morris said that "the use of these explosives under the Ordinance requires that stringent safety measures should be enforced. Storage of explosives without safety measures only encourages thieves to break into the premises, where they are kept."

## CONVICTION QUASHED ON TECHNICAL POINT

The conviction of a former detective on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences was quashed by Mr Justice J. R. Gregg at the Appeals Court this morning because of the omission of the words "...with intent to defraud" from the charge.

The appellant, Chan Kit, 29, had been sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Mr A. A. Huggins at Kowloon.

Chan was originally charged with demanding money with menaces. The Magistrate amended the charge to one of obtaining money by false pretences, a charge under section 50(a) of the Larceny Ordinance.

Chan was accused of obtaining \$400 from Mul Siu-kuen by falsely pretending he was an officer on the staff of the American Consulate.

Mr Richard Winter represented Chan this morning on instructions of Mr P. M. Mr. M. Morley-John, Crown Counsel appeared for the Crown. Mr Winter said there were originally four grounds of appeal, but with the Court's permission he would deal only with the fourth ground, namely, that the substantive charge was bad in law and did not disclose an offence.

**LEFT OUT WORDS**  
In amending the charge to obtaining money by false pretences, Counsel said, the Magistrate omitted the vital words "with intent to defraud" from the charge.

Mr Winter said His Lordship would see that these words were included in section 50 of the Larceny Ordinance. After citing from law authorities, he submitted that it was necessary to prove that the obtaining of money was with intent to defraud.

If that particular wording was omitted, he said, then the indictment was bad.

Crown Counsel told the Court that, regretfully, he could not oppose the appeal.

Allowing the appeal, Mr Justice Gregg said he had no alternative but to hold that the charge was bad, in view of the reasons stated.

**APPEAL DISMISSED**  
Another appellant, Chan Yim-ming, 30, unemployed, appealed against his conviction for house-breaking with intent to commit a felony and possession of an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose.

On the first charge, Chan had been given one year by Mr D. Cons at Kowloon on December 1, last year. The Magistrate took the second charge into consideration in passing sentence.

The appellant claimed he had been "framed" by a Police informer because he had refused to help the informer to look for morphine.

At the Police Station, appellant said, he was assaulted by people who tried to make him confess.

Dismissing the appeal, the Judge said he could see no reason to interfere with the Magistrate's decision on both charges.

## Jordan Claims 4 Israeli Dead

Amman, Mar. 20.  
The Jordan Army command said tonight that four Israeli soldiers were killed in a battle with a Jordanian patrol inside Jordan territory yesterday.

In an official statement it said Jordan had asked the Armistice Commission for an urgent investigation and a United Nations' team would leave for the scene tomorrow.

The Jordan army statements said that an Israeli patrol crossed the armistice lines about 11 miles inside Jordan territory and opened automatic fire and threw grenades at the Jordanian patrol.

The Israelis retired after a half-hour fight.

It was the second Israeli attack within 10 days in the same area, the Jordanian statement said.—Reuter.

## Crash Survivor Better

Manila, Mar. 21.  
Philippine Herald newsmen Nestor Mata, lone survivor of the presidential plane crash last Sunday, has passed the "immediate crisis" and is recovering satisfactorily, it was reported last night.

Mata is still confined at the Southern Hospital in Cebu Province.

Doctors advised against his being shifted to Manila since he needed "absolute rest."

There were reports yesterday that Mata's condition had worsened.—France-Press.

## Mail Notices

The latest times of posting below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest times elsewhere were, in general, no earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office. The latest posting times for registered articles are generally earlier than those shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mail can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21  
By Air  
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Ceylon, India, Burma, India, 6 p.m.  
U.S.A., 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
India-China, Thailand, 3 p.m.  
Japan, 6 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22  
By Air  
Cambodia, Malaysia, Indonesia, 6 a.m.  
Germany, 9 a.m.  
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, 11 a.m.  
India-China, Australia, New Zealand, 11 a.m.  
Guam, Hawaii, USA, 1 p.m.  
Formosa, USA, 1 p.m.  
Thailand, India, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.  
Canada, 6 p.m.  
Japan, 6 p.m.

By Surface  
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.  
Japan, 9 a.m.  
Macao, 1 p.m.  
Korea, 1 p.m.  
India-China, Thailand, 2 p.m.  
N. Borneo, 4 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23  
By Air  
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kunming, Yunnan, 7 a.m.  
Thailand, India, N. Borneo, India, 10 a.m.  
Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, 10 a.m.  
Philippines, 11 a.m.  
Thailand, India, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.  
Korea, 6 p.m.  
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.  
Hawaii, USA, Canada, 6 p.m.  
India-China, France, 6 p.m.  
Formosa, Japan, China, 9 p.m.

By Surface  
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.  
India, 11 a.m.  
Macao, 1 p.m.  
Philippines, 1 p.m.  
Aden (Netherlands), Germany, Far East (direct), 6 p.m.  
Formosa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.

By Air  
Mauritius, P. East Africa, S. Africa, Brazil (Argentina), Far East (direct), 6 p.m.  
Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Far East (via Mauritius), 6 p.m.  
Ireland, 6 p.m.  
Portugal, India, Pakistan, Italy, France, 6 p.m.  
Korea, 6 p.m.  
U.S.A., C. & S. America, 6 p.m.  
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

## C-in-C Leaves For Manila

Admiral Sir Alan K. Scott-Moncrieff, KCB, CBE, OBE, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station, left Singapore today for Manila where he will attend the funeral of the late President Maguiness. He is representing the three Commanders-in-Chief of the Far Eastern theatre. The Commander-in-Chief is expected to pay a short visit to Hongkong before returning to Singapore.

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time for Older Children presented by Elizabeth; 6 p.m. Signal Programme Summary; 6.02 p.m. Sports Report; 6.05 p.m. News; 6.10 p.m. Weather Report; 6.15 p.m. Signal; 6.20 p.m. News; 6.25 p.m. Signal; 6.30 p.m. News; 6.35 p.m. Signal; 6.40 p.m. News; 6.45 p.m. Signal; 6.50 p.m. News; 6.55 p.m. Signal; 7.00 p.m. News; 7.05 p.m. Signal; 7.10 p.m. News; 7.15 p.m. Signal; 7.20 p.m. News; 7.25 p.m. Signal; 7.30 p.m. News; 7.35 p.m. Signal; 7.40 p.m. News; 7.45 p.m. Signal; 7.50 p.m. News; 7.55 p.m. Signal; 8.00 p.m. News; 8.05 p.m. Signal; 8.10 p.m. News; 8.15 p.m. Signal; 8.20 p.m. News; 8.25 p.m. Signal; 8.30 p.m. News; 8.35 p.m. Signal; 8.40 p.m. News; 8.45 p.m. Signal; 8.50 p.m. News; 8.55 p.m. Signal; 9.00 p.m. News; 9.05 p.m. Signal; 9.10 p.m. News; 9.15 p.m. Signal; 9.20 p.m. News; 9.25 p.m. Signal; 9.30 p.m. News; 9.35 p.m. Signal; 9.40 p.m. News; 9.45 p.m. Signal; 9.50 p.m. News; 9.55 p.m. Signal; 10.00 p.m. News; 10.05 p.m. Signal; 10.10 p.m. News; 10.15 p.m. Signal; 10.20 p.m. News; 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